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Feds ask for oversight on live-fire plan's impact on Tinian landmarks

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The construction and use of firing ranges on Tinian may severely impact the island's national historical landmark area, says the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation in a written request to the National Park Service last week, urging that "unresolved issues" of this U.S. military undertaking be assessed.

1st phase of San Antonio hotel project is completed

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As the last pile foundation was drilled into the ground at their San Antonio site, Honest Profit International is now looking forward to proceeding with their 300-room hotel complex.

In a ceremony, officials from HPI, their contractor Win Win Way Construction, as well as government officials witnessed the momentous event, signifying

the completion of the initial phase of the construction.

According to Win Win Way technical director Dr. Jim Kan Hou-Sek, the next step now is to start with the pile caps.

He also thanked the members of the community for cooperating with them and being patient.

HPI president Sam Chan said they are on schedule despite some challenges in the past months.

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REBUILDING CONTINUES

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United 4 Saipan, Americorps, and Conservation Corps volunteers rebuild a home destroyed by Typhoon Soudelor over the weekend.



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Fire burns second floor of B&R Auto Shop building



Thick smoke belows from the second floor of the two-story B&R Auto Shop building in Chalan Laulau yesterday morning. Arson investigators determined that electrical wiring caused the blaze. No one was injured.

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A fire caused by electrical wiring burned the second floor of a two-story building of B&R Auto Shop in Chalan Laulau yesterday morning.

No one was reported injured in the blaze, according to Department of Fire and Emergency Medical Services spokesman Derek Gersonde.

Gersonde said the second floor of the building had moderate to severe heat and smoke

damage.

DFEMS received a call from the Department of Public Safety's 911 dispatch about the fire at B&R Auto Shop at 9:33am.

Firefighters from Susupe and Kagman fire stations and

medics from Koblerville Fire Station and Search and Rescue Unit responded.

Firefighters placed the blaze under control and fully extinguished at 9:49am, Gersonde said.

He said investigation showed



A fire engulfs a yellow Camaro on the grassy shoulder of a road at Banzai Cliff in Marpi on Sunday afternoon. No one was injured. A group of Chinese tourists rented the car from Summit Car Rental.

DEREK GERSONDE

that the fire originated on the second floor at the eastern side of the building.

The fire caused heat and smoke damage at the bedroom of the shop's owner on the second floor of the building.

Gersonde said DFEMS considers the case closed since the

investigation showed that the cause was accidental.

No car was damaged during the fire.

On Sunday afternoon, a fire of unknown cause engulfed a yellow Camaro that was rented by a group of Chinese tourists at Banzai Cliff in Marpi.



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Another tropical disturbance may impact NMI

The CNMI Emergency Operations Center, in coordination with the National Weather Service and Joint Typhoon Warning Center, is closely monitoring a tropical disturbance that has the potential to affect the CNMI in the next few days.

A tropical disturbance is now moving west of the Marianas,

while another tropical disturbance is well east of the Marianas.

The tropical disturbance west of the Marianas will continue to move away from the region. Most of the showers and thunderstorms associated with the disturbance are well to the west of the Marianas. Flooding rainfall and high winds are no longer

expected for the Marianas. However, seas will remain hazardous for operators of small craft.

Another tropical disturbance is about 1,200 miles east of Guam situated north of Kosrae state. This disturbance will track generally west-northwest toward the Mariana Islands over the next few days. This tropical

disturbance is expected to take a similar track as the tropical disturbance that passed through the Marianas Monday night, with computer models showing the system tracking north of Saipan. However, the expected track could change in the coming days so residents of the Marianas should stay informed with the

latest statements and forecasts issued by the National Weather Service, especially if the disturbance north of Kosrae develops faster than expected and tracks farther south than expected.

Residents and visitors are advised to listen and stay informed for the latest statements and forecasts from the NWS, JTWC, and

CNMI EOC. Keep alert for any statements from local officials or call the CNMI Emergency Operations Center at 237-8000 or on HF single side band radio at frequency 5.205.0. (HSEM)

Air Force top brass to visit CNMI

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A top U.S. Air Force official will be meeting with the administration of Gov. Eloy S. Inos this week, confirmed press secretary Ivan Blanco yesterday.

The visit relates to the Air Force's proposed divert airfield project in the CNMI.

According to Blanco, Brig. Gen. Andrew J. Toth is scheduled for a courtesy visit with the governor at 10am on Thursday. Toth is also reportedly meeting with the Commonwealth Ports Authority this week.

However, Blanco said, it has not been decided yet which official would sit down with Toth as Inos is also scheduled to fly

for a medical trip that morning.

The Air Force is renewing its talks for a divert airfield on Saipan, as they aim to furnish a revised environmental impact statement for a "hybrid" plan inclusive of both Saipan and Tinian airports.

The new plan was shared months after CPA—which owns the lands at the Saipan airport—rejected the siting of a

divert project on Saipan and endorsed Tinian instead.

"We think the CPA will find the new alternatives to be attractive options that represent a true middle ground between the initial positions of both parties," Col. Michael R. Cardoza, USAF Chief of Strategy and Plans Division, told *Saipan Tribune* in an email last month. "The Air Force has made significant reductions to the scope of the initiative, in an attempt to mitigate potential impacts of the original proposal. Fighter aircraft and their associated munitions have been completely eliminated. This means the only remaining aircraft are refueling and mobility aircraft, which are similar to the commercial airlines flying into Saipan today."

Hocog sues CHCC for allegedly refusing to pay services in 2009

Dr. Lorenzo "Larry" B. Hocog is suing the Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. for allegedly refusing to pay for the services he rendered to the Commonwealth Health Center in 2009.

Hocog, through counsel William M. Fitzgerald, asked the Superior Court to hold the corporation liable to pay him the value of the services he provided to the hospital and the people of the CNMI. He did not specify the amount he is asking for.

According to Fitzgerald in Hocog's complaint, the emergency room at CHC was without a physician on June 25, 2009, as the doctor who was assigned for duty on that day was off sick.

Fitzgerald said that Pedro Untalan, the then-CHC administrator and acting health secretary,

through John Flores, requested Hocog to cover the shift at the CHC emergency room.

The lawyer said Hocog served as the only physician at the CHC emergency room on that day from 7am until 7pm.

The same thing happened on July 1, 2009, Fitzgerald said, with Hocog again covering the shift at the emergency room.

From Aug. 17 to 22, 2009, CHC was again faced with a critical need for a physician to provide internal medicine services. Fitzgerald said Hocog responded to the request of CHC officials and provided critically needed services.

Despite repeated requests for payment, CHCC has failed and continues to fail to pay Hocog the value of the services he provided, Fitzgerald said. (*Ferdie de la Torre*)

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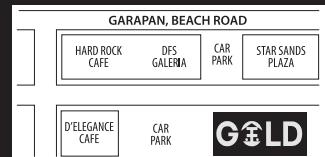
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‘We cannot afford to lose the Japan market’

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The CNMI needs to focus and pay close attention to the Japan tourism market, according to Marianas Visitors Authority board member Jerry Tan, who believes the Commonwealth cannot afford to lose this market, which started the CNMI's tourism industry.

“We really cannot afford to allow the Japan market to continue to decline,” Tan said. “We enjoy the growth from Korea and China and we want them, we want to see them continue their growth but I think everyone must pay close attention to the Japan market because we now have an opportunity to have a three-market strategy.”

Tan said a balanced market mix or market diversification is important.

“It’s very important for all destinations to strive for a more balanced market mix. And we have that opportunity,” he said.



MVA board member and Tan Holdings president Jerry Tan speaks of the need to focus on the Japan market in the tourism industry as the CNMI cannot afford to lose it.

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Looking back at 2005, Tan pointed out that having one market alone is not good.

“For 30 years, we relied on one market. And what happened in 2005? Japan Airlines decided to go out from our market, and they were providing majority of the seats. One decision, a corporate decision from

JAL, overnight turned our entire community upside down. And we didn’t have a second market or third market to look at that time,” Tan said.

The CNMI enjoyed its peak of Japanese visitors in 1997 with 450,000 tourists from that country alone. Almost 20 years later, the CNMI is experiencing

an 87-percent decline in the Japan market.

Tan said he doesn’t believe that it’s because of the decline in Japan’s economy. He pointed out that the Japanese are still travelling—“but not to our islands.”

“The Japanese are still travelling, 30 minutes away from us,” Tan said, citing Japanese arrival numbers in Guam and other Pacific islands.

From 42 percent in 2011, the Japan market is now down to 19 percent of the tourism industry as it continues to decline every year. Tan said they are looking at Japanese tourists to go below 100,000 for the first time.

“I look at 2005, a really bad nightmare for us, but maybe in the end we come out stronger if we pursue other market aggressively,” Tan said. “[But] we cannot afford to lose the Japan market.”

To engage more tourists, as well as entice returning or re-

peat tourists, Tan said it is important to add features as well as “quality” to the islands’ facilities.

“We really don’t have anything new to speak of. That’s the challenge we face whenever we go to the market convention because we have nothing new. That’s something we really need to work hard on,” Tan said.

He also pointed out that

Classes resume for Saipan public schools

Classes resume today, Oct. 14, 2015, for all PSS elementary, middle and high school students.

“Schools are open today but I encourage the parents to be more vigilant in view of an erratic tropical disturbance lingering in the Marianas,” said Education Commissioner Dr. Rita A. Sablan, invoking the parents’ discretion as they send their children back to classes.

Tropical Depression 25W was 1,030 miles east of Saipan as of 7pm last night. Classes were suspended Tuesday amid concerns over the

approaching weather system.

Even as classes resume today, PSS has been operating in emergency mode, taking the necessary precautionary measures to ensure that all facilities are safe and properly protected should the tropical disturbance develop into a stronger cyclone.

“Although we suspended classes on Tuesday as a safety measure, PSS will keep an eye on this latest tropical disturbance and will issue updates as received from the Emergency Operation Center,” said Sablan.

(Public School System)



Officials from Honest Profit International, Win Win Way Construction, and the government toast to the completion of the initial construction phase of HPI’s 300-room hotel complex in San Antonio.

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FEDS

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be “particularly difficult and/or controversial,” according to ACHP.

ACHP is the federal agency overseeing historic preservation across the United States.

The report, if completed, will cover the Marine Corps Forces Pacific’s plans to construct and use firing ranges on the island of Tinian.

Under the NHPA, the National Park Service will prepare the report at the request of ACHP.

Since the MarForPac project involves combined arms, live-fire, maneuver training, danger zones, and restricted airspace, there have been concerns on how compatible the project is with the historical character of the northern part of Tinian, which is home to World War II landing beaches and airfields, among others.

John M. Fowler, executive director of ACHP, formalized the council’s request in a letter to the National Park Service on Friday.

In Fowler’s letter, copies of

which were obtained by *Saipan Tribune* yesterday, ACHP asks the Park Service to assess how established training areas within the Tinian Landing Beaches, Ushi Point, and North Fields, Tinian Island National Historic Landmark—collectively known as the “Tinian NHL”—will “affect the integrity and physical interpretation” of the landmark.

“Many unresolved issues... for this proposed undertaking pertain to the compatibility of this development with the historic character of this NHL,” Fowler said.

ACHP’s letter hints at and reflects what the administration of Gov. Eloy S. Inos has been saying for awhile now—that what the military is proposing seems to be incompatible and unfit for its location on Tinian, *Saipan Tribune* gathered yesterday.

Dentons LLC, a firm hired

by Inos to consult on the live-fire project, said the project’s repeated use of heavy, tracked vehicle within the North Field landmark risks damage to historic roadways and runways. They say the construction of gravel roads adjacent to historic roads would still alter the cultural landscape. The firm also notes that the live-fire project would have significant, direct

impacts on nearly 200 National Register-eligible sites on Tinian.

“These are not suitable locations for destructive live-fire training,” Dentons writes in their comments on the project’s environmental impact documents. “Reasonable alternatives must be evaluated.”

The CNMI Historic Preservation Office, for their part, said the project ignores Section 110 of the NHPA, which requires a heightened standard of care with respect to landmarks to the “maximum extent possible.”

HPO says the project provides no information that could be described as “planning and actions to minimize harm” as mandated by federal law.

In other words, Section 110 of NHPA tasks federal agencies that plan to build on an historical landmark to do everything to enhance and protect the sited area, *Saipan Tribune* learned. However, for the CJMT project, administration officials believe the Navy has done the exact opposite, and that the entire historical district—of landing beaches, airfields, and cultural sites, among others—could suffer.

Unresolved issues

“Currently, while the land the Tinian NHL is on is under military use lease, it is for all [intents and] purposes open to the public,” Fowler said. “To better assess the unresolved issues regarding the project’s potential

“so far, so good. We have overcome a lot of problems like the typhoon,” Chan said.

He said it is their mission to open by the end of next year. HPI’s local representative, Pete Reyes, said the company is already looking at more opportunities for the community and that they continue to seek the support of their partners.

“We are very excited and we hope our community shares our excitement. With an additional 300 rooms, HPI is responding to the need of the CNMI to provide much needed rooms for tourism and adds more exciting place to visit and to enjoy in the southern end of the island,” Reyes said.

Lt. Gov. Ralph DLG Torres thanked HPI and Win Win Way for their work in the CNMI, saying he looks forward to “a successful resort.”

REPAIR

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wet when Typhoon Souledor hit more than two months ago.

“We don’t need the capacity, so it’s on standby. But that is the last of the generators that needed to be dried out. That’s done and it’s functional now,” Riegel told *Saipan Tribune* yesterday.

That boosts Power Plant 1’s capacity to 45 megawatts, said Riegel.

“Thirty-one [megawatts] is what we are generating now,” he said.

Meantime, Riegel said the 180 transformers that were scheduled to arrive Sunday have made it on island, landing on Saipan between Sunday and Monday.

“The next batch is coming in a couple of weeks,” he said.

Also, this weekend, Riegel noted CUC sustained 24-hour

water service in Kagman, and got 24-hour water service to Isley Reservoir, which services San Antonio up to San Jose.

Riegel said they had a few wells go down across the island, citing “transformer issues” at Obyan wells, which limited water pressure. He added CUC was at work on that yesterday.

“Our plan this week is to finish getting the wells online and getting the last of the eight or 10 lift stations online and then start hanging the transformers for the additional services in some areas where we couldn’t connect people because of the bad transformer,” Riegel said.

People in Chinatown, Kagman, Dandan, and San Vicente, for example, were puzzled as to why they didn’t have power while others around them have.

“Now that we have transformers, we’ll start filling in those holes,” Riegel said.

Laolao Bay Golf & Resort donates \$10K to CNMI CARE

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Laolao Bay Golf & Resort is the latest to donate to the long-term recovery group CNMI Commonwealth Advocates for Recovery Efforts.

A \$10,000 check was presented to CNMI CARE by Laolao Bay executives led by president Chang Ho Kim yesterday.

"Laolao Bay has always been helping the community in any way it can, especially now after Typhoon Soudelor. We want to give back to the community that has also supported us through the years," Kim said.

The golf resort was able to raise the money through their "Play Golf for Typhoon Victims," pledging to donate \$5 each from the green fees collected in September toward helping victims of Typhoon Soudelor. A green fee is what a golf course charges golfers to play.

Laolao Bay Golf & Resort was able to raise \$10,000 from the green fees as well as donation jar collections through the support of its guests and organizations such as the Korean Golf Association.

"It's particularly...heartfelt

for me because I'm part of the golfing community," CNMI CARE's Jenny Hegland said. "That's a very generous donation from a company that had a lot of damage. They did massive cleanup efforts and their staff did great efforts to clean it up."

Aside from the donation, Laolao Bay Golf & Resort has also been reaching out to the community by providing potable and non-potable water, and even providing chainsaw services to the public. It also established a temporary shelter for some of its staff.

The resort's management also released a schedule for free drinking water. Members of the public can line up at the driving range with their containers. The schedule is from Monday to Friday, from 6:30am to 7:30am and 3:30pm to 6:30pm, and Saturday and Sunday from 9am to 4pm.

Laolao Bay's Tony Satur said a fundraising golf tournament is in the works where proceeds will also go to victims of Typhoon Soudelor.

"I've been working with Tony and Mr. Kim since I got to the island. They are very committed to the community and the whole island," Hegland said.

Application for unemployment assistance to end next week

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This coming Monday, Oct. 19, will be the last day to apply for Disaster Unemployment Assistance.

"Individuals who worked on the island of Saipan at the time of the disaster and are totally, part-totally, or partially unemployed as a direct result of the disaster may apply for DUA," Labor Secretary Edith DeLeon Guerrero told *Saipan Tribune*.

» **CW1 workers and Freely Associated States citizens are not eligible**

However, CW-1 workers and Freely Associated States citizens are not eligible for DUA due to their immigration status.

DUA, which is in coordination with the Federal Emergency Management Agency, is also under the Stafford Act and is available to U.S. citizens, non-citizen nationals, and qualified aliens who lost their jobs and self-employed individuals who have been unable to work due to damage sustained from Typhoon Soudelor.

DeLeon Guerrero said DUA has a weekly eligibility for 27 weeks for those who need assistance.

"This, however, does not mean that all 27 weeks is payable. The Weekly Request for Assistance form or ETA 83 is required to be filed if still re-



Laolao Bay Golf & Resort donates \$10,000 to CNMI CARE. In the photo are the resort's hotel director Dae Hyun Lee, president Chang Ho Kim, CNMI CARE's Gerri Willis and Jenny Hegland, and general manager Hyung Jin Kim.

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL DPW/FHWA-15-RFP-005

CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT SERVICES FOR ROUTE 36 ROAD IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT, SAIPAN, CNMI PROJECT NO. CM-NH-0036(004)

Governor Eloy S. Inos and Lt. Governor Ralph DLG. Torres, through the Department of Public Works (DPW) are soliciting sealed proposals from qualified Architectural/Engineering companies for the **Construction Management Services for Route 36 Road Improvements Project, Saipan Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI)**.

Proposal procedures shall be in full compliance with **\$70-30.3-305** of the Procurement Regulations. This procurement is made in accordance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations dates May 24, 2001.

Any corporation or partnership "firm" must have or obtained a valid Certificate of Authorization (**COA**) from the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands Board of Professional Licensing (CNMI BOPL). Individuals and/or sole proprietors are required to possess a valid professional license issued by the CNMI BOPL.

The Request for Proposals (RFP) package will be available on or after **September 30, 2015** at the Department of Public Works, 2nd Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center Office No. 214 Saipan.

A **mandatory** Pre-Proposal Conference is scheduled for 9:00 a.m. local time at the Department of Public Works, Conference Room, 2nd Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center Office No. 212 on **October 16, 2015**. Questions regarding this RFP must be submitted in writing to Mr. Anthony A. Camacho, Director of Technical Services Division, at telephone numbers (670) 234-9828/9837 or faxed to (670) 234-3547 no later than 4:30 p.m. local time **October 23, 2015**.

Proposals must be sealed and marked "**DPW/FHWA-15-RFP-005**". For proposers within the CNMI, one original and six (6) copies of sealed proposals must be submitted to the Director of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, no later than 10:00 a.m. local time, **November 10, 2015**. Proposers located outside the CNMI may obtain an additional seven (7) working days for receipt of their proposal by submitting a **Notice of Intent to Propose**. Notices of Intent to submit proposals must be received by the Director of Procurement & Supply no later than 10:00 a.m. local time, **November 10, 2015** and may be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515 or via e-mail to procurement@picom.com or fax to (670) 234-3547 or via e-mail to jriple.dpw@gmail.com For proposers located outside the CNMI, one original and six (6) copies of sealed proposals must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than **November 10, 2015** and must be received no later than **November 20, 2015**. Note that failure to submit the required number of copies may be cause for rejection of a proposal.

Discussion shall be conducted with at least three (3) of the firms regarding the contract requirements and evaluation criteria and selection made there from, in order of preference, of no less than three (3) firms determined to be the most highly qualified to perform services required. A contract shall be negotiated with the highest qualified Engineering firm at a price determined to be fair and reasonable to the government. If a fair and reasonable price can not be negotiated with the highest ranking qualified firm, then additional firms may be selected in order of competence and qualifications and negotiations continued until a fair and reasonable price is agreed upon. The anticipated date for this award is December 2015 and anticipated date for notice to proceed is February 2016. Please refer the Proposal Content Requirements section of this package for more information; non-compliant proposals will not be considered.

The successful A-E firm will be subjected to a responsibility determination in conformance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations **\$70-30.3-245**.

The Government is not responsible for any expenses which Proposers may incur in the preparation and submittal of proposals requested by this RFP, including by not limited to, costs associated with travel, accommodations, interviews or presentations, or proposals.

This project is funded in whole by a grant from the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT), Federal Highway Administration (FHWA). Contract award is contingent upon funding approval by the FHWA. All offerors shall be subject to the provisions of the federal Acquisition Regulations Part 52, Subpart 209-5, Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Proposed Debarment, and Other Responsibility Matter, March 1996.

All responses to this RFP should take into account any and all taxes that will be charged to the proposer awarded a contract for this project, including exercise tax.

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Jobless man allegedly steals CUC copper wire

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A brother's tip to a police detective led to the arrest over the weekend of a jobless man who allegedly stole copper wire from the Commonwealth Utilities Corp.'s power pole on Capital Hill.

Police recovered two rolls of copper wire and three metal hot clamps belonging to CUC during a follow-up investigation.

Police said that Barry G. Lizama confessed to stealing the copper wire and metal hot clamps in an interview with a police detective.

Lizama, 40, was taken to Superior Court yesterday for his initial appearance on charges of theft and violating an order of court protection.

Associate Judge Kenneth L. Govendo retained the \$10,000 cash bail and set the preliminary hearing for Oct. 23 at 9am. Chief Public Defender Douglas

Hartig served as counsel for Lizama. Assistant attorney general Barbara Cepeda appeared for the government.

Police detective Catherine B. Pangelinan stated in her report that she and three other police officers responded to a theft and contempt of court complaints at a residence along King Fisher Road on Capital Hill on Friday morning.

Pangelinan said that, according to the two complainants, their brother Lizama was sleeping inside their mother's house when in fact he was not supposed to be there as there is a court order of protection against him.

A brother also told Pangelinan that Lizama stole some CUC copper wire and hid them in the grassy area just north of their house. The brother directed Pangelinan to the area where the copper wire was hidden.

Pangelinan said that, according to the brother, he was inside his room on Oct. 1, 2015,

at 10am when he saw through the window their mother's car backing up toward their front yard. The brother then saw Lizama get out of the driver's side, unload from the trunk two rolls of copper wire, and place them in the grassy area.

Later that morning, Pangelinan said, a CUC line crew appeared at the residence and identified the copper wire as CUC property. One roll of copper wire is called stranded wire number 6, while the other roll is solid number 8. The crew said the three metal hot clamps, which cannot be found in stores, hold the wires on the top of the utility pole.

During an interview with a police detective, Lizama reportedly admitted stealing the copper wire by cutting them from a CUC pole by the road just west of their house. The suspect also confessed to taking the metal clamps and a business panel box from an abandoned building in Gualo Rai.

Jurors start deliberating in store burglary case

Jurors began deliberating yesterday afternoon in the trial on Rota of Benjamin Mafnas Hattori, who is accused of aiding another person in the 2012 burglary of a store owned by former mayor Melchor Mendiola.

The jurors went home at 5:55pm and are going to continue deliberations today at 8:30am, Wednesday, **Saipan Tribune** learned.

The trial started yesterday morning. Eight jurors, including two alternates, were chosen out of 75 jurors present.

The Office of the Attorney General charged Hattori with aiding and abetting in the burglary of Harvest Market, where cigarettes and coins from the cash register were stolen in May 2012.

Hattori's co-defendant, Daniel Rangamar, has already

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Vanuatu in political chaos after lawmakers pardon themselves

WELLINGTON, New Zealand

(AP)—The island nation of Vanuatu is in political chaos following an extraordinary few days in which 14 lawmakers were found guilty of corruption but were then pardoned by one of their own while the presi-

dent was abroad.

The events this week have created a constitutional crisis for President Baldwin Lonsdale, who promised he would find a legal avenue to "clean up the mess," according to the

Vanuatu Daily Post.

On Friday, Parliament speaker Marcellino Pipite and 13 others were found guilty of bribery by the Supreme Court. A judge said many had accepted bribes of 1 million vatu

(\$9,000) to help overthrow the previous government.

But the next day, Pipite signed a pardon for himself and the others. Because the president was away, Pipite was the acting head of state.

UOG awarded \$4.3M to continue cancer research

The University of Guam has been awarded \$4.3-million grant to support its ongoing partnership with the University of Hawaii Cancer Center, addressing cancer health disparities among Pacific Islanders in Hawaii, Guam and neighboring U.S. Associated Pacific Islands. Together with the UHCC's award of \$5.5 million, the combined partnership award brings nearly \$10 million in cancer research funding to the Pacific region.

The UOG /UHCC partnership is one of only six Comprehensive Partnerships to Advance Cancer Health Equity, a program funded by the National Cancer Institute to develop cancer research capacity at institutions serving underserved health disparity populations and underrepresented students, and to explore factors contributing to cancer health disparities and their impact on underserved and socio-economically disadvantaged populations. The

UOG/UHCC partnership is the only partnership within NCI's CPACHE program that serves Pacific Islanders, specifically Micronesians.

UOG president Robert Underwood, UOG assistant vice president Dr. John Peterson, and interim associate director of the UOG Western Pacific Tropical Research Center Dr. Rachael Leon Guerrero will serve as principal investigators for the grant.

"This was a very competitive grant process," said Leon Guerrero. "We were competing with big schools like UCLA, UC-San Diego, University of North Carolina, and the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute. To receive this funding along with some of the best cancer research centers in the United States is truly an honor."

Research projects funded in this new 5-year cycle (2015-2020) include a cervical cancer prevention project designed to

increase human papilloma virus vaccination uptake among Micronesian girls in Guam and Hawaii; an adult betel nut cessation intervention in Guam and Saipan—the first of its kind; and a study to identify molecular components of Areca (betel) nut that promote chronic inflammation (in the immune system), an important role in carcinogenesis. Competitive funding to support future research projects will be available in years 4 and 5 of the partnership.

About the UOG/UHCC Partnership

The overarching goal of the UOG and UHCC Comprehensive Partnership to Achieve Health Equity is to establish its partnership as the national and international leader in advancing cancer health equity in Pacific Islanders. To achieve this goal, the partnership will continue to build on the success of the past 12 years in understanding and reducing can-

cer health disparities in the most isolated and most underserved group of minorities in the country, Americans of Pacific Islander ancestry, through focused research, outreach, and education. The partnership began in 2009 after UOG and UHCC were awarded an initial \$12.5M grant.

For more information, visit www.guamcancerresearch.org. (UOG)

National SHRM official to speak at SHRM's meeting on Thursday

The Society for Human Resource Management NMI Chapter will have Scott Ferrin, SHRM National Field Service Director, presenting at its October general membership meeting on the topic of "Successful HR Strategies for Building an Ethical Workplace Culture." Ferrin will discuss the current status of workplace ethics, the reasons good ethics equal good business, the elements of an ethical workplace culture, HR strategies to build a stronger culture, and the importance of ethical practice as an HR competency.

This lunch meeting will be held at the Pacific Islands Club's Charley's Cabaret on Thursday, Oct. 15, 2015, from 11:30am to 1:30pm.

This presentation is open to the public and will be an invaluable opportunity for employers and HR professionals and staff to gain tools and knowledge for self-examination of our workplace culture.

The presentation includes the PIC lunch buffet at the cost of \$20 for SHRM members and \$30 for non-members. Seats are limited, so reserve your seat by contacting Micah Parico-Acuvera by phone at 234-1795 or by e-mail at corpooffice@triplejisaipan.com or by e-mail to Frank Gibson at frogibson@yahoo.com.

SHRM is the world's largest association devoted to human resource management. The NMI Chapter is affiliated with the national organization. For more information about the NMI Chapter, visit their website at <http://nmichapter.shrm.org>. (SHRM)

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Young professionals volunteer with CNMI C.O.R.E

Continuing with their post-typooh volunteer efforts, the Saipan Young Professionals teamed up with CNMI C.O.R.E. (Community Outreach Recovery Effort) last Saturday to volunteer at the CHCC Mobile Health Clinic at Chacha Oceanview Middle School in Kagman.

Members of the Saipan Young Professionals assisted in handing out items to community members including bottles of water, donated clothing, and toys for children who visited the center.

"We're fortunate to have teamed up with an active group like C.O.R.E. Their team is composed of people who dedicate their time, effort and heart into making a difference in the lives of people all over the island," said SYP chair Mable Ayuyu. "We're happy to work alongside different groups that share our passion to help our community."

Ayuyu said the mobile clinic drew a number of people who needed immediate medical assistance, which was provided free by CHCC. There were a



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Members of the Saipan Young Professionals collaborate with C.O.R.E. in assisting the mobile clinic in Kagman last Saturday.

number of women and children that sought assistance at the mobile clinic.

"The women who visited the center were grateful to have picked up water and clothing items for their children at

home," Ayuyu said.

In the months following Super Typhoon Souledor, members of the Saipan Young Professionals Committee have dedicated their weekends to volunteering with organizations that con-

tinue to make a positive difference in the lives of many. In August, the committee volunteered each Saturday of the month at the Salvation Army's soup kitchen, providing free hot meals to homeless families and

those affected by the typhoon. Last month, SYP teamed up with Empty Vessel Ministry Foundation, organizing and distributing free clothing to those in need. Earlier this month, the committee volunteered at the

Pacific Century Fellow's 5K Run. Proceeds from the run would be used toward purchasing ancillary items to assist in the rebuilding and restoration of damaged homes throughout the island.

Ayuyu said the committee commends the various groups and organizations that have assisted in typhoon relief efforts, as C.O.R.E. has done. "We'd like to thank our Saipan Chamber of Commerce members and other members of our community who have donated and who continue to donate towards typhoon relief efforts."

The committee also thanks C.O.R.E. members Glen Hunter, Mami Ikeda, and all the C.O.R.E. volunteers who continue to lead by example.

The Saipan Young Professionals is a committee of the Saipan Chamber of Commerce. For more information about the committee, visit their Facebook page or call (670) 234-7150. The Saipan Chamber of Commerce Office is located at the Marianas Business Plaza, Room 315. (SCC)

\$20K to be awarded in Red Ribbon Week photo contest

In an effort to prevent drug use and educate youth, the National Family Partnership invites families and schools across America to participate in its 5th Annual National Red Ribbon Week Photo Contest. The contest, which is co-sponsored by the Drug Enforcement Agency, will be held in conjunction with the 30th Annual Red Ribbon Week on Oct. 23-31.

"Students will once again take the Red Ribbon Campaign prevention message into their homes, neighborhoods and schools with this contest," said NFP president Peggy Sapp. "It's

a fun and creative way for parents and schools to educate children about the dangers of drug use while they decorate their homes and schools using this year's theme, 'Respect Yourself. Be Drug Free.'"

The contest began on Oct. 1, with the winners to be announced on Dec. 4. This year, \$20,000 will be awarded to schools in 10 regions across the country.

How to enter:

■ Students and families decorate their home's front door, mailbox or fence with a double-looped red ribbon and the

theme, "Respect Yourself. Be Drug Free."

■ Schools (K-12) may decorate their school campus with a double-looped red ribbon and the theme, "Respect Yourself. Be Drug Free." Decorations should be in a visible location on the school campus.

■ Take a photo with your decoration and upload it to RedRibbon.org/contest from Oct. 1 (12am ET) to Nov. 3 (11:59pm ET). You must be 18 years or older to upload the photo and can do so from any desktop or mobile device.

■ Ask family and friends to

vote for your entry beginning Nov. 4 (12am ET) to Nov. 18 (11:59pm ET). The winners will be announced Dec. 4.

■ 10 Families in the Home Decoration category with the most votes in each region will win an iPad for the family and \$1,000 to be used toward drug prevention at a K-12 school of their choosing.

■ 10 schools in the School Decoration category with the most votes in each region will win an iPad (for the school employee or PTA member who entered on behalf of the school) and \$1,000 to be used toward

drug prevention at the school.

In addition to the contest, the National Family Partnership recently announced that this year's National Red Ribbon Week Youth Ambassador is Johanna Colón of Raleigh, North Carolina. The 7-year-old YouTube sensation was selected for her tremendous spirit, wonderful dance skills, commitment to healthy activities, kindness toward others, leadership qualities, self-confidence and her self-respect—all demonstrated in a three-minute, viral YouTube video, viewed by an estimated 20 million people. Johanna's qualities and her song selection (Aretha Franklin's classic, *Respect*) tie in perfectly with this

year's Red Ribbon Week theme: Respect Yourself. Be Drug Free.

The National Family Partnership was established in 1980 and is a national leader in drug prevention, education and advocacy. Its mission is to lead our nation's families and communities in nurturing the full potential of healthy, drug-free youth. Red Ribbon Week is the nation's largest and oldest drug prevention campaign. NFP created the campaign in response to the 1985 abduction and murder of DEA agent Enrique "Kiki" Camarena. Learn more about NFP at www.nfp.org.

To learn more about contest rules, visit RedRibbon.org. (NFP)

Flashback

A LOOK BACK AT PAST YEARS' HEADLINES

October 14, 2004

Police starts enforcing license plate law today

Enforcement of the new law that license plates on both the front and rear must be displayed on all vehicles begins today, according to the Department of Public Safety. DPS commissioner Edward Camacho said that he has already instructed his personnel patrolling the streets to begin enforcing Public Law 14-18. With that, Camacho said all vehicles being operated on roads must be in compliance with the requirement, except for those whose plates are designated for annual registration between July and September. The bill stated that the display of plates at the rear of vehicles has presented problems for the DPS, "creating difficulty in identifying fleeing vehicles."

House passes bill for payment of reservists

The House of Representatives passed this week a bill that entitles CNMI reservists in active duty to receive one-half of their salary once their military and accrued annual leave are exhausted. The lawmakers said that House Bill 14-218, introduced by Rep. Claudio Norita, provides "a sense of security for reservists who have recently been called upon to serve our country and for their family members." The bill covers both government and private sector-employed reservists. The measure provides that the CNMI

government shall pay one-half the salary of the employees/reservists, provided that they are on active duty for a continuous period of one year.

October 14, 2005

Labor unveils \$400K automation project

The Labor Department unveiled new hardware and software equipment at its San Antonio offices yesterday, promising that the processing of applications at the department would become faster with the government's \$400,000-automation project. Labor and Immigration Identification and Documentation System director Tom Torres said the automation would not only make the processing of applications faster, but reduce the risk of misplacing documents as the processing would be done online. With the automation, an application filed with the department will be scanned and routed for review and determination to the appropriate desks online.

CDA reviews fishing group's application

The Commonwealth Development Authority is now reviewing the loan guarantee application of a Seattle-based company that seeks to pursue a commercial fishing venture in the CNMI. Quiguga said that CNMI rules and regulations only limit bank guarantees to local banks. Earlier, the Department of Commerce said that Lady Kimberly is seeking a loan guarantee for 30 percent, or about \$600,000, of its total investment in the fishing business. The business venture is said to cost over \$2 million. It involves longline fishing and fish processing and marketing. The proposal also calls for a 30-percent equity ownership from the local fishing association in the CNMI. The company would use

two commercial fishing vessels and set up a processing plant on Saipan for export. The Commerce Department said commercial fishing is an alternative industry for the CNMI.

October 14, 2008

China city eyes sending students to NMC

Officials from Kaiping City, China have expressed strong interest in sending some of their citizens to study here on Saipan after a visit Friday last week at Northern Marianas College. The college's public relations office said the Chinese city officials met with NMC officials led by president Dr. Carmen Fernandez last Oct. 10. A possible partnership between NMC and Kaiping City is now in the works following the visit. Kaiping City is part of Guangdong province. The city's officials took time to tour the campus and see for themselves some of NMC's facilities. Kaiping City officials and the NMC president agreed to continue their communication that would further "the implementation of a partnership toward common goals on education."

Bill to remove \$250M price tag on CUC

Senate President Pete P. Reyes has penned legislation that would remove the \$250-million price tag set by a just-passed law for the sale of the Commonwealth's power system. The bill says the widely criticized artificial price floor should be removed "for the protection of the people." The bill has been pre-filed, and has not been introduced on the Senate floor. Sen. Paul A. Manglona, chairman of the Senate Committee on Public Utilities, Transportation and Communication, vows not to allow the bill to pass without allowing the public to comment. He says a public hearing will be held on the measure.

Hawaii bigeye tuna industry reels 2 months after reaching quotas

HONOLULU—For the past two months, since early August, about a quarter of the 145 active vessels in the Hawaii longline fleet have been prohibited from catching their target species, bigeye tuna. Arbitrary quotas not linked to conservation objectives are keeping them tied at the docks. These struggling vessels and small businesses they support are accumulating millions of dollars in debt each month, causing untold anxiety for the local fishing community and consumers.

The rest of the Hawaii fleet has been forced out of its primary fishing grounds in the Western and Central Pacific and must travel more than a thousand miles into the Eastern Pacific to set hooks to catch bigeye tuna.

This travesty has happened because of two international quota systems—one in the Eastern Pacific for larger longline vessels and another in the Western and Central Pacific for all longline vessels. Both allocate the United States a minuscule amount of bigeye tuna.

As a result, industrial foreign fleets, with much higher bigeye tuna quotas, freely operate on the high seas around the Hawaiian Islands where Hawaii longline fishermen can no longer fish for bigeye tuna.

Overfishing of bigeye tuna in the Pacific started when the purse-seine fleets began us-

ing fish aggregation devices. While fishing on FADs targeting skipjack tuna for canneries, the purse-seiners unintentionally catch more bigeye than the longline fishery.

The Hawaii fishery lands only 1 and a half percent of the bigeye tuna caught in the Pacific Ocean. Its fishing grounds are thousands of miles away from the equatorial Pacific, the epicenter of overfishing.

Distribution of bigeye tuna catch

The Hawaii longline fishery is unique. The fish are packed in ice and brought fresh to the dock for mostly Hawaii consumption.

Imported tuna, on the other hand, are mostly frozen. They are transshipped at sea with little monitoring and little traceability. These tuna are often treated with carbon monoxide, giving them an artificially fresh appearance.

The Western Pacific Regional Fishery Management Council played a key role in establishing the international Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission in 2000. The council supported the commission's goals to prevent overcapacity and to eliminate bigeye overfishing in the Western and Central Pacific. However, the commission has conspicuously failed to address these critical issues.

High surf seen until tomorrow

Based on information received from the National Weather Service in Tiyan, Guam, and compiled at the CNMI Emergency Operations Center, a swell from a tropical disturbance east of the Marianas will produce hazardous surf the next couple of days.

A high surf advisory is now in effect until 6pm tomorrow, Thursday.

Hazardous surf at 7 to 10 feet is expected along north facing reefs. Hazardous surf at 7 to 9 feet will spread to west facing reefs today, Wednesday, and remain hazardous at 7 to 9 feet along north facing reefs.

A small craft advisory is

also now in effect until midnight tonight.

A departing tropical disturbance will bring fresh to strong winds and combined seas of 9 to 11 feet today, producing hazardous conditions for small craft. Winds and seas are expected to diminish late tonight.

The public is being advised to avoid boating in these conditions. If travel by boat is necessary, exercise caution especially near reef lines and when entering or leaving harbors and inlets. Avoid venturing near exposed reefs and beaches, especially those along north and west facing reefs as rip currents will be life threatening. (HSEM)

BIRTHDAY SHOUTOUTS



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
Happy 28th birthday to Christina Norita, who is celebrating her special day today! May the good Lord Jesus bless you! Enjoy and don't party too hard. We love you! Greetings come from your coworkers.

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Happy birthday to the most caring and loving wife, Dionicia Lighi S. Hosono! Happy birthday and God bless! Greetings come from Eric Joseph.

Instead of being penalized for a problem it did not create, the Hawaii longline fleet should be rewarded for being an exemplary fishery. The Western Pacific Council under the Magnuson-Stevens Act has responsibly managed this fishery for decades. The fishery has maintained high levels of observer coverage, provided quality fisheries data for stock assessments, pioneered the vessel monitoring system, and mitigated protected species interactions.

The five commissioners who will be representing the United States at the next Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission will be meeting next week Wednesday and Thursday to strategize for the commission's next meeting to be held Dec. 3 to 8, 2015, in Bali. The

U.S. government must commit to protect the Hawaii longline fishery. The alternative is U.S. dependence on foreign imports and the irrevocable loss of Hawaii's iconic fishery.

Western Pacific Regional Fishery Management Council

Council: Appointees by the Secretary of Commerce from nominees selected by American Samoa, CNMI, Guam and Hawaii governors: Michael Duenas, Guam Fishermen's Cooperative Association (Guam) (vice chair); Edwin Ebisui (Hawaii) (chair); Michael Goto, United Fishing Agency Ltd. (Hawaii); John Gourley, Micronesian Environmental Services (CNMI) (vice chair); Julie Leialoha, biologist (Hawaii); Dr. Claire Tuia Poumelle, Port

Administration (American Samoa); McGrew Rice, commercial and charter fisherman (Hawaii) (vice chair); and William Sword, recreational fisherman (American Samoa) (vice chair). Designated state officials: Suzanne Case, Hawaii Department of Land and Natural Resources; Dr. Ruth Matagi-Tofiga, American Samoa Department of Marine and Wildlife Resources; Richard Seman, CNMI Department of Lands and Natural Resources; and Matt Sablan, Guam Department of Agriculture. Designated federal officials: Matthew Brown, USFWS Pacific Islands Refuges and Monuments Office; William Gibbons-Fly, U.S. Department of State; Rear Adm. Cari B. Thomas, U.S. Coast Guard 14th District; and Michael To-

satto, NMFS Pacific Islands Regional Office. (*Wespac*)

ON THE NET

- For videos of impacted members of Hawaii's longline fishery, go to <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LLeN6Du9kf94&feature=youtu.be>
- Copies of Federal Register notices announcing the August closures of the U.S. fisheries can be found at <http://www.wpcouncil.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/08/EPO-BET-Closure-2015-FR.pdf>
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EDITORIAL

A Security Council reset

With the founding of the United Nations 70 years ago this month, the victors of World War II sought to position themselves as the protectors of peace and stability around the world. Their mechanism was the U.N. Security Council, which has since compiled an erratic record—operating first within the tensions of the Cold War, and more recently against a backdrop of competing national interests among the council's five permanent members. Part of the problem is the way the U.N. charter structured the council, and the U.N. General Assembly took a small yet perhaps significant step when it voted last month to continue pushing for charter reforms that would change how the council works. That will be no easy task, but it needs to be done.

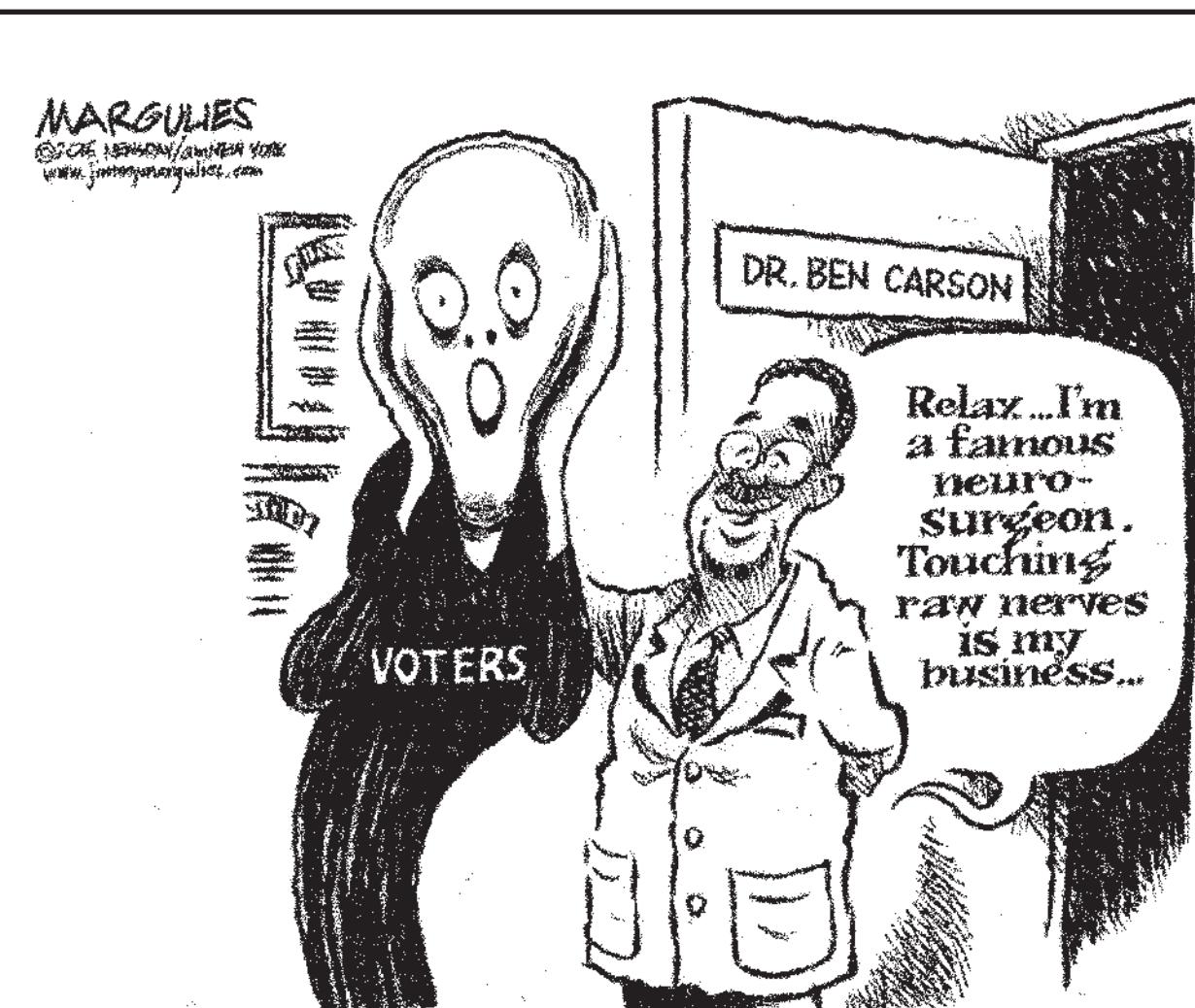
The Security Council has five permanent members—the United States, Great Britain, France, Russia and China—and 10 other nations elected to two-year terms by the 193 countries in the U.N.'s general membership. But the five permanent members, called the P5, wield significant power. If any one of them votes against a Security Council resolution, the measure fails.

That veto power was intended to ensure concerted action: All five must agree before the council can move forward. In practice, though, this has meant each of the P5 has been able to block Security Council actions against client states and allies, and forestall condemnation and sanctions against its own misdeeds. In recent years, Russia has stopped moves against the Syrian government and in support of Ukraine, while the U.S. has vetoed measures targeting Israel. Of the 193 measures vetoed by the Security Council since its founding, 163 were by a single country's objection, 57 times by the U.S. and 96 times by Russia. How to reduce the power of individual permanent members is the trick. Require two no votes to stop a measure? It's an idea worth considering.

A more fundamental problem is that the composition of the P5 reflects the world dynamic at the war's end in 1945. But that balance of economic and political power has changed significantly. The Soviet Union has disintegrated—its seat is now held by the Russian Federation—and China's nationalist government was toppled by the communist regime four years after the U.N. was founded. Meanwhile, vanquished nations Germany and Japan have rebounded as leading economic powers, along with developing nations India and Brazil, all of which have pressed for permanent status on the Security Council.

Whether those nations, or others such as South Africa, get such status, and whether permanent members should retain their individual veto, are delicate and difficult questions, in part because each of the P5 would have to agree to cede power, which doesn't seem likely (the U.S. and Russia seem particularly resistant). But as former U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan argued recently, the Security Council risks losing relevance if it doesn't adapt. And that could make an already unstable world even more dangerous.

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Playful letting be

Our title is a converted phrase from a guru of the Realistic Living Institute in Texas that wrote of "effortless letting be." The ORID (Objective, Reflective, Interpretive, Decisional) iteration of the brain-mind process that science reveals in brain structure and the Institute of Cultural Affairs uses for its Imaginal Education, we locate "playful letting be" to the active "D"ecisional category of willful doing. It's the ides of October and we can be playful.

My Dad at 93 ran away from my sister's residence or from his "confinement" at the hospice at few times. My brother, a chaplain of Honolulu's Blue, was then called in the middle of the night after the police found my Dad aimlessly wandering on the superhighway. From the silence of his bed, Papa ascended into Mililani Memorial Park at 95.

My mother turned 95 a few weeks back. She lies by her lonesome at a Honolulu care facility for the elderly. On the times I visited her, the rest of the ward patients were fed on wheelchairs and sat together for a while before going back to their respective beds, some falling asleep in their chairs in the hallway. It was their social time! My mother is bedridden, propped-up for feeding, which she handled by herself, or at least she did a year ago.

"Letting be" and "letting go" are now the twin preoccupations of her life, mostly the first, and not for long, the latter. I do not plan to be present at her internment. I bid her adieu on my last visit to her, also to North America and east Pacific, after 50 years of going to and fro.

I recall a gall bladder surgery in Honolulu 2007 while Dad was led to his plot at Mililani. I travelled from Saipan to Hawaii for his funeral to catch the tail end of his wake but I landed on a surgery table instead, though in my mind I spent the time conversing with my Dad in nether lands. His will decreed burial rather than cremation, so his offspring complied.

My mother will see her last day at the care home. She had her own apartment but she needed assistance when she broke her hip bone after a fall.

"Loss is one thing; regret is another," says a speaker serenely sitting with prosthetic arm and legs after the natural ones were lost in a college accident. He became a care provider and shares his experiences on medical practice to wide audiences.

He gave a moving TED account of his awakening to human service. It resonated with my experience. Hospitals are designed to be disease-focused more than folks-centered. They do a needed function but it is no place to die, let alone live, he affirmed. The place promotes antiseptic sterility; anesthetic patient is the rule with no exception. He would rather that grief be transformed into gratitude rather than repugnance. "Play" to him is the highest form of

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Special to the Saipan Tribune

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human adaptation, full of laughter and mirth.

Our Texas guru phrased "effortless letting be" in his voluminous writings. He coined the trine dynamic of awe, awesome, and the awed ones equivalent to the formulation of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit of the Rock-of-Peter tradition. Google his name and you get dolls but try Realistic Living Institute and you get the staff in living color, Gene and Joyce Marshalls, and Alan Richards.

RLI's theological root goes back to a religious course that featured thoughts of Rudolf Bultmann, Paul Tillich, Dietrich Bonhoeffer, and H. Richard Niebuhr; earlier, the likes of Soren Kierkegaard and existential thought reigned before the Death-of-God blew the lid off theology.

Google religious studies (RS-1), a course that helped many pull together their Rock-of-Peter tradition. I invite those curious enough to scour their thoughts, or the absence thereof, to Google Realistic Living Institute, and join their reflections.

Sunday the 27th, I sought Saipan's young Vanessa Jean Woodruff's "letting go" service. I could not locate the Palauan Evangelical Church on Navy Hill so I went to the Pohnpei UCC at Kannat Tabla thinking they might know. They did. They sent me back to Navy Hill, only to discover that I missed the event by a day!

In his 80s, Gene Marshall had hospital care with the requisite tests and a case of arterial hardening recommended bypass surgery. The Marshalls thought it through, declining the medical procedure. "Effortlessly letting go" conjoined with "effortlessly letting be," an awe happening akin to a religious experience is what the Marshalls got.

Since 1977, RLI dialogued on the "awe happening," a Christian Resurgence effort with Islam, Judaism, Taoism, Buddhism, Hinduism, the Goddess heritage, antiquity's tribal religions and current religious hand wringing and writhing (writing, too, but we wanted to be more descriptive).

As humans depend on other creatures for survival, "some unto death that others might live," RLI's output enables spirit sustenance. I do not know what the Marshalls come to in their count of remaining years. Mine is 16 years of "playful letting be" conjoined to "playful letting go."

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Salute to Dave Peter

The last song Dave sang publicly was a beautiful rendition of May the Good Lord Bless and Keep You before sailing into the sunset. I understand he sang it with his sister Emmy, another very talented singer from a family of natural musicians.

Dave employed a unique blend of music using ukulele and slackey guitar or traditional instruments that give real affinity to the melodic essence and simplicity of island music. In fact, he succeeded in this respect and you can never mistake his signature sound in the music he's recorded over the last 40 years. He set the unique monumental sound with his group, Rematau.

He was a natural in every sense of the word. When we sail away past the reef we could hear the echo of his music from the hills of these pearly isles. He reminds us to hurry back to the side of calm and tranquility of our island home. This is the strength of his melodic island music.

I usually listen to him whenever I yearn to head home once more to real island melodies. I always enjoy the smooth ring of slackey guitar and the unique tenor ukulele in his arrangements. I don't particularly enjoy hasty adaptations by others that turn local music into a busy factory of translation in the work of others. Nah!

My friend is a local music icon with a great sense of humor. Be that as it may, I will best remember him with two songs he sang with another friend: For Your Love by Peaches and Herb and Yesterday by the four lads from Liverpool. Their superbly compatible voices had these songs so perfectly harmonized as duets with the Royals in the mid-'60s. That was the peak of our stint as musicians a long time ago at the dining room of the once famous Saipan Hotel on Navy Hill.

It was a journey that brought us close to joining Bob Hope with his USO show in Vietnam in 1968. It would have been a unique experience that included playing side-by-side with Les Brown and the orchestra. But we broke up the week we were to have signed the contract. To this day I still can't figure out what derailed the entire

plan. What a waste!

Yes, Dave, in your journey beyond the rainbow it's our turn to sing, "May the good Lord bless and keep you" too braddah. Let our tears be sprayed in the immaculate white clouds of paradise to freshen the tropical breeze in the heavens as you ascend to join others on the other side of everlasting peace and tranquility. Si Yuus Maase yan ghilisow for the fond memories of yesteryears and the legacy you leave behind for posterity. Our prayers, ghilisow, adios yan Si Yuus Maase'. Si JR.

Our interim fiscal posture

The FY 2016 budget didn't give any politician leapfrog advantage in any form or fashion. The idea to use it to upstage re-election bids soundly crashed even before take off—a comically approved package with salary raises that skip others while failing to fund the rest, not to mention constitutional violations. I suppose "haste" is a legislative wisdom.

Nonetheless, the action, however hasty, grabbed the attention of private and public sector employees who have to endure skyrocketing costs from health to real estate loans over the last 14 years, if not, more.

The salary and wage stagnancy (no increase for 14 long years) had public sector employees salivating for some form of help, any help! Unfortunately, there's nothing up that alley.

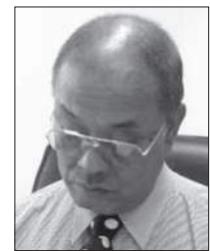
Enduring cost: When health premiums went up, most everybody had to endure switch in health providers to the federally funded Medicaid, wrestle with added cost in health deductibles, basic goods, while still paying for the first family home, real estate insurance and family car and auto insurance plus other family obligations. Cost of family obligations went up, salaries remained the same.

You quiz how families have endured the hellish punishment all over. Personally, I failed to see with real clarity how families have ably navigated the rough seas of horrendous increase in cost while their income remains the same.

By JOHN DELROSARIO

Special to the *Saipan Tribune*

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Or has our culture of communal sharing the hidden savior in family survival today? While food stamps may be viewed as a program that creates irrevocable dependency, how do you navigate feeding your family when leadership simply failed providing decent jobs that would allow you to bring home the bacon, so to speak? Nah! It's a good program where none from home is available. Do you disagree?

The double whammy disaster has forced the NMI to begin anew from the very start. It means a huge drawback in revenue generation, though there's a quick instant projection of reasonable revenue generation sustainability in the "mirror, mirror, on the wall." With a superbly "depressed" economy could we afford any form of salary increase? Or would not this step prove to be more fiscally chaotic?

Crunching numbers: To illustrate a point, let's take 80 percent of the projected \$145 million in revenues that pans out to around \$116 million. It leaves some \$29 million for everything. Now give some \$5.8 million for salary increases and you have a balance of some \$23 million. CUC, CHC and PSS need nothing less than \$150 million to survive the fiscal year. Do you see why an increase would be very risky?

It's fitting to be a fiscal conservative, wary of the fragility, sensitivity and volatility of island economies. Reason? Revenue wild swing is as reliably erratic as the weather. Sure, it's good to repeat, "let's live within our means." But what if we can't even generate the basic amount to carry the day? This is the point all island governments must deal with in perpetuity! Ominous economic clouds constantly looming toward us. Thus the need to be mindful of spending habits.

No to the wholesale militarization of Pagan

By JEROME KAPAT ALDAN
SPECIAL TO THE SAIPAN TRIBUNE

Last of a two-part series

Socioeconomics and Environmental Justice

The Draft EIS assumes that "[b]ecause the island is currently undeveloped and unpopulated, there would be no impacts related to population change, public services, or community character and cohesion" (Draft EIS at 4-454). The Navy uses that same rationale to avoid environmental justice concerns (*id.*). As discussed above, the Navy's assumptions about current conditions on Pagan are not accurate. For that reason alone, the Draft EIS must be thoroughly revised and recirculated.

The Draft EIS also fails to take a hard look at economic opportunities that would be destroyed by the Project. For example:

- The Draft EIS claims "small-scale ecotourism that would be expected to occur without the proposed action could likely occur with the proposed action" (Draft EIS Appendix Q at 5-5) and, for that reason, the project "is not anticipated to have an effect on" ecotourism (Draft EIS at 4-454). The claim is ridiculous. Pagan's

ecotourism potential is entirely based on the island's unspoiled environmental conditions. It is difficult to imagine anything that will spoil those conditions faster than massive live-fire military training activities. There is no "small scale ecotourism" market for war zones.

- Pagan's most significant mineral resources is pozzolan, which exists in large quantities on the island and is of extremely high quality. Pagan's pozzolan resources have been the subject of a number of different studies dating back to the 1970s. The studies have come to somewhat different conclusions, but all of them recognize the significant value of the resource and the fact that there is a nearby market for the product in China (Draft EIS Appendix Q at 4-11 to 4-12). Over the years, several entities have invested substantial time and effort in studying and securing permits to gather pozzolan on Pagan. One of the appendices to the Draft EIS questions whether such efforts will be successful under current market conditions, but it fails to address (i) the possibility of changes to those market conditions (even while admitting that prices are "volatile") and (ii) impacts associated with the loss of permitting and royalty revenues to government agencies.

Finally, it is important to emphasize the Navy's failure to address Environmental Justice concerns. Executive Order 12898 requires every EIS to address the potential for "disproportionately high and adverse human health or environmental effects" on "minority popu-

lations" in "the United States and its territories and possessions." The term "minority populations" includes "Pacific Islanders" such as the people of the Northern Islands. In fact, the people of the Northern Islands are a minority twice over—a minority within the population of the CNMI, which itself is a minority population within the United States. It is beyond dispute that impacts to Pagan will disproportionately affect those who consider the island a physical and spiritual homeland. These are precisely the impacts that Executive Order 12898 requires the Navy to address.

Cultural Resources

The Draft EIS fails to address the significant cultural impacts of the Project on Pagan, its residents, the people of the Northern Islands, or the CNMI as a whole:

- The Navy has never undertaken a thorough cultural resources survey of Pagan. Fewer than 600 acres (of a total of 11,680) of the island have been surveyed in detail. This absence of information is particularly problematic in the context of the combined training proposed for Pagan, which (unlike the unit training proposed for Tinian) is not restricted to established paths or areas (Draft EIS at 2-121).

- Although only a small portion of Pagan has been surveyed, the results confirm the presence of a significant number of historic and cultural resources: More than 180 historic sites, of which at least 110 are deemed eligible for the National Register of Historic Places. This is not an appropriate location for live-fire training.

- Contractors working for the Navy have prepared a Traditional Cultural Property study, a redacted version of which accurately identifies six National Register-eligible TCPs on Pagan. But the study fails to identify a number of other TCPs, including those associated with traditional gathering, agricultural activities, and latte sites.

- The Draft EIS admits that a significant number of latte sites would be disturbed or destroyed by the project. The Navy appears to believe this is not a significant issue because latte sites lack continuing cultural importance. The Navy is mistaken. Latte are important cultural resources linking us to the past and they should be (and are) respected as such. The destruction of a latte site is a significant impact that must be avoided.

- I understand that the preparers of the TCP study originally agreed to evaluate the entire island of Pagan as a TCP, but the evaluation was subsequently abandoned. The redacted version of the TCP study provides no justification for the Navy's failure to evaluate the entire island as a TCP. On the contrary, evidence from the study

suggests that such an evaluation would be warranted (see, e.g., TCP Study at 3-12 ("The entire island of Pagan is medicine. It's very unique.")). Indeed, Pagan serves an important cultural function that extends beyond the significance of any individual location on the island. It is a spiritual homeland, a place whose purity helps us connect with our cultural identity. The proposed militarization of Pagan would cut to the core of our culture, and would make it impossible for future generations to experience the cultural significance of the island in the same way we do.

Conclusion

The Navy has proposed a project that will literally destroy the island of Pagan, our physical and spiritual homeland, and it has attempted to justify that proposal on the flimsiest of bases: A grossly inadequate Draft EIS that many members of the public have been prevented from reviewing.

I urge you to reconsider this path. There are other, less-damaging ways to ensure that the nation's military personnel get the training they need.

Jerome Kaipat Aldan is mayor of the Northern Islands, Third Senatorial District.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Still suffering

Last Sunday, I was visiting with a friend from Saipan. She has many relatives living there. I asked if they had recovered from the typhoon. I was shocked to find out that many people still do not have electricity! Is this the norm? Was this just an exceptionally strong typhoon? In this area we have had some catastrophic hurricanes, even having the eye cross right over us. We have never been without power for two months (and counting).

This time frame would never be tolerated here. Is the government doing as much as they should? What about people whose homes were destroyed?

I guess my concern is, a tidal wave in India sparks concern and outpouring of relief efforts from around the country. Typhoon Soudelor was news for a few days or a week and yet much of the island is still suffering. I'm saddened by that.

Sharon Payne
Richmond, VA

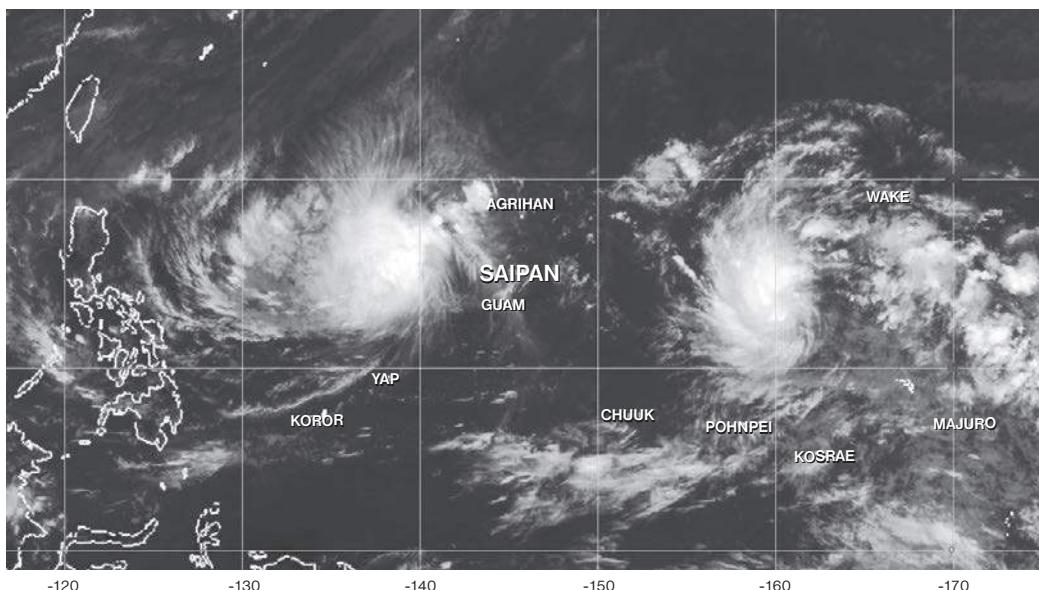
The Weather

5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. Southwest winds 15 to 20 mph.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. Southwest winds 15 to 20 mph.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms.

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Yesterday's Satellite Image



PICTURE TIME: 1:00PM, TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2015

Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

Newly formed Tropical Depression 24W is 230 miles west of Saipan at 16N142E moving westward at 25 mph with maximum sustained winds of 30 mph. Scattered to numerous showers and isolated thunderstorms just west of the Marianas are between 13N and 18N from 137E to 144E. Patchy areas of scattered showers and a few thunderstorms farther west are between 13N and 18N from 130E to 135E. For more information on TD 24W, see bulletins issued by the Joint Typhoon Warning Center under WMO header WTPN31 PGTW and by National Weather Service under WMO header WTPQ31 PGUM. A tropical disturbance centered 450 miles north of Kosrae at 12N162E is the subject of a Tropical Cyclone Formation alert issued by Joint Typhoon Warning Center. Patchy areas of scattered showers and a few thunderstorms from north of Pohnpei and Kosrae to near Wake Island are between 7N and 18N from 156E to 167E. For more information on The TCFA, see bulletins issued by the JTWC issued under WMO header WTPN21 PGTW and special weather statements issued by the National Weather Service under WMO header WWMY80 PGUM. Surging westerly monsoon winds are causing scattered showers and a few thunderstorms south of Chuuk and Pohnpei within 125 miles of a line from 3N145E to 5N160E and across Butaritari and Tarawa atolls south of a line from 1N160E to 3N169E to 4N180. Converging easterly winds far north of Majuro are causing scattered showers and a few thunderstorms mainly between 11N and 16N from 166E to 180. A couple of shear lines are causing cloudiness and patchy rain along and up to 300 miles northwest of a line from 25N140E to 18N134E.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

Micronesia

Guam And Rota	Thunderstorms	▲ 85	▼ 77
Palau	Thunderstorms	▲ 87	▼ 80
Yap	Thunderstorms	▲ 87	▼ 80
Chuuk	Thunderstorms	▲ 85	▼ 78
Pohnpei	Thunderstorms	▲ 85	▼ 76
Kosrae	Thunderstorms	▲ 85	▼ 78
Majuro	Thunderstorms	▲ 83	▼ 79

Tides

Saipan Harbor			
3:22 AM	Today	Low Tide:	0.2 Feet
9:35 AM	Today	High Tide:	1.8 Feet
3:38 PM	Today	Low Tide:	0.7 Feet
9:04 PM	Today	High Tide:	1.8 Feet

Sunrise/Sunset

Today	6:08 AM	5:58 PM
Thursday	6:09 AM	5:57 PM
Friday	6:09 AM	5:57 PM
Saturday	6:09 AM	5:56 PM
Sunday	6:09 AM	5:55 PM

Moonrise/Moonset

Today	6:53 AM	6:52 PM
Thursday	7:41 AM	7:34 PM
Friday	8:30 AM	8:18 PM
Saturday	9:21 AM	9:04 PM
Sunday	10:12 AM	9:54 PM

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FLIGHT SCHEDULE AS OF OCTOBER 9, 2015

DEPARTURES				ARRIVALS			
SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)				GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN			
UA5070	4:15am	5:05am	Daily	UA5069	2:45am	3:35am	Daily
UA5068	8:40am	9:30am	Daily	UA5071	7:15am	8:05am	Daily
UA5039	1:30pm	3:10pm	1, 4, 5, 7 via Rota	UA5039	12:10pm	1:00pm	1, 4, 5, 7
UA5038	2:20pm	3:10pm	2, 3, 6	UA5038	12:15pm	1:50pm	2, 3, 6 via Rota
UA5078	6:05pm	6:55pm	Daily	UA5077	4:45pm	5:35pm	Daily
UA5072	9:50pm	10:40pm	Daily	UA5079	8:30pm	9:20pm	Daily
SAIPAN-ROTA (ROP)				GUAM (GUM)-ROTA (ROP)			
UA5039	1:30pm	2:05pm	1, 4, 5, 7	UA5038	12:15pm	12:45pm	2, 3, 6
ROTA (ROP)-GUAM (GUM)				ROTA (ROP)-SAIPAN			
UA5039	2:35pm	3:10pm	1, 4, 5, 7	UA5038	1:15pm	1:50pm	2, 3, 6
SAIPAN-PALAU (ROR)				PALAU (ROR)-SAIPAN			
DL287	6:05am	1:05am+1	2, 6 via NRT	DL298	4:30am	2:55pm	3, 7 via NRT
SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)				NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN			
DL287	6:05am	8:40am	1, 2, 4, 5, 6	DL298	10:25am	3:05pm	Daily
DL297	4:30pm	7:15pm	Daily	DL288	8:55pm	1:30am+1	1, 3, 4, 5, 7
SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)				SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN			
OZ626	2:20am	6:00am	1	7C3402	8:45am	2:15pm	3, 5, 6
OZ626	3:20am	7:00am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7	7C3402	9:30am	3:20pm	1, 2, 4, 7
7C3403	4:35am	8:20am	1, 2, 3, 6, 7	OZ625	7:40pm	1:10am+1	7
7C3403	5:25am	9:10am	4, 5	OZ625	8:20pm	1:50am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
7C3401	3:15pm	7:35pm	3, 5, 6	7C3404	10:10pm	3:40am+1	Daily
7C3401	4:20pm	8:05pm	1, 2, 4, 7				
SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)				BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN			
OZ608	3:10am	6:20am	4, 7	OZ607	9:05pm	1:55am+1	3, 6
SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)				SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN			
3U8648	6:10am	8:40am	1, 4, 5, 7	3U8647	10:40pm	5:00am+1	3, 4, 6, 7
SAIPAN-BEIJING (PEK)				BEIJING (PEK)-SAIPAN			
MU764	1:30am	5:30am	3, 5, 7	MU763	4:30pm	12:30am+1	2, 4, 6
SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)				GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN			
3U8646	4:20am	7:30am	2, 6	3U8645	7:40pm	3:00am+1	1, 5
SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)				MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN			
OZ626/701	2:20am	11:05am	1 via ICN	DL276/288	9:20am	1:30am+1	1, 3, 4, 5, 7 via NRT
OZ626							

Business

Dell buying EMC in \$67 billion bet on data storage

NEW YORK (AP)—Dell is buying data storage company EMC for \$67 billion in a huge bet on a segment of technology that has proven to be more profitable than the slumping personal computer market.

The acquisition announced Monday marks Dell's latest attempt to lessen its dependence on the PC industry that it helped pioneer as demand for desktop and laptop machines weakens amid the growing popularity of smartphones and tablets.

The price makes this the largest deal ever between two technology companies, eclipsing Avago Technologies' proposed \$37 billion acquisition of rival chipmaker Broadcom announced five months ago.

The Dell-EMC union is an illustration of how older technology companies are scrambling to adapt to the upheaval unleashed by Apple's introduction of the trendsetting iPhone eight years ago and the advent of digital services that are hosted in remote data centers so they can be reached by any Internet-connected device.

Since going private in a \$25

billion deal completed in 2013, Dell Inc. has been investing in research and development and expanding its software and services business as those in the technology industry continue to struggle with soft PC sales.

EMC meanwhile has been shifting from a provider of data storage hardware such as on-premise data centers to offering a more comprehensive suite of products to businesses, from cloud storage to security offerings.

"Our new company will be exceptionally well-positioned for growth in the most strategic areas of next generation IT including digital transformation, software-defined data center, converged infrastructure, hybrid cloud, mobile and security," Michael Dell said in a written statement.

Dell will serve as chairman and CEO of the combined company. Joe Tucci, chairman and CEO of EMC, will remain in those roles until the deal is complete.

FBR analyst Daniel Ives said the deal means Dell is "no longer your grandma's PC company."

"It's a landmark, historic deal that really brings them into the enterprise market and makes

Princeton economist wins Nobel for work on poverty

PAUL WISEMAN **MALIN RISING**
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Angus Deaton has dug into obscure data to explore a range of problems: The scope of poverty in India. How poor countries treat young girls. The link between income inequality and economic growth.

The Princeton University economist's research has raised doubts about sweeping solutions to poverty and about the effectiveness of aid programs. And on Monday, it earned him the Nobel prize in economics.



Deaton

at a news conference at Princeton. "There are many people who are worthy of this award."

Deaton grew up in a family of modest means. "Not having money can give you a perspective on the world that you don't get other ways," he said. "Most people in my family thought I should be out (working) in the fields, not reading books. Fortunately, my father didn't think that way."

For Deaton, who was born in Edinburgh, Scotland, and holds dual U.S. and British citizenship, everything starts with an analysis of data.

"Thinking about numbers hard is one of the things I think is really important," Deaton told The Associated Press.

Deaton created tools that let governments in poor countries study how families adjust spending in response to, say, an increase in the sales tax on food.

"He's an economist's economist," said Dani Rodrik, a Harvard colleague. Deaton has done "very careful, detailed work" on data about poverty at the household level in poor countries "so that one could understand the effects of changes in policies on how people behave," Rodrik said.

Deaton discovered that India had far more poor people in rural areas than previously thought, a finding that led the government to expand subsidies.

"That lightning would strike me seemed like a very small probability event," Deaton said



AP
A sign with an EMC logo stands on the company's corporate campus, Monday, Oct. 12, 2015, in Hopkinton, Mass.

them a behemoth," Ives wrote in a Monday note.

The deal had been rumored for weeks. EMC, based in Hopkinton, Massachusetts, makes data storage equipment and provides other IT services to companies. It also has an 80 percent stake in cloud-computing company VMware Inc., which will stay an independent, publicly traded company.

EMC has been facing tough competition in the storage sector as companies including Amazon, Microsoft and IBM have stepped up cloud storage offerings.

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3. Is unlikely to return to a previous industry or occupation.

Category B: Plant Closure. To qualify, an individual must meet one of the following three criteria:

1. Has been terminated or laid off, or has received a notice of termination or layoff, from employment as a result of any permanent closure of, or any substantial layoff at, plant, facility, or enterprise;
2. Is employed at a facility at which the employer has made a general announcement that such facility close within 180 days; or
3. For purpose of eligibility to receive services other than training, intensive or supportive services under WIOA, is employed at a facility at which the employer has made general announcement that such facility will close.

Category C: Self Employed or Unemployed. To qualify, an individual must meet the following criteria:

1. Was self employed (including employment as a farmer, a rancher, or a fisherman) but is unemployed as a result of general economic conditions in the community in which the individual resides or because of natural disasters.

Category D: is a displaced homemaker;

DISPLACED HOMEMAKER—The term "displaced homemaker" means an individual who has been providing unpaid services to family members in the home and who—

- (A) (i) has been dependent on the income of another family member but is no longer supported by that income; or
- (ii) is the dependent spouse of a member of the Armed Forces on active duty (as defined in section 101(d)(1) of title 10, United States Code) and whose family income is significantly reduced because of a deployment (as defined in section 991(b) of title 10, United States Code, or pursuant to paragraph (4) of such section), a call or order to active duty pursuant to a provision of law referred to in section 101(a)(13)(B) of title 10, United States Code, a permanent change of station, or the service-connected (as defined in section 101(16) of title 38, United States Code) death or disability of the member; and
- (B) is unemployed or underemployed and is experiencing difficulty in obtaining or upgrading employment.

Category E:

1. Is the spouse of a member of the Armed Forces on active duty (as defined in section 101(d)(1) of title 10, United States Code), and who has experienced a loss of employment as a direct result of relocation to accommodate a permanent change in duty station of such member; or
2. Is the spouse of a member of the Armed Forces on active duty and who meets the criteria described in Displaced Homemaker Definition (B).

You may be able to qualify for services under WIOA's Dislocated Worker Funding Program. All other program eligibility requirements apply.

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Nation

Students return to Oregon community college after shooting

ROSEBURG, Ore. (AP)—Hundreds of people lined the road leading to the Oregon com-

munity college where a gunman killed nine people, holding signs reading “UCC Strong” as

students returned Monday to the scene of the deadliest shooting in state history.

The Umpqua Community College campus in the small town of Roseburg reopened last

week, but students are heading back to class for the first time since the Oct. 1 shooting, which also wounded nine people.

Residents waving American flags and signs greeted students driving into campus. Volunteers and dogs came to offer comfort, and tissues were available in every classroom. State troopers and sheriff’s deputies patrolled the grounds.

Oregon Gov. Kate Brown joined interim college President Rita Cavin and student body president Tony Terra in welcoming students who returned for morning classes.

“There was a lot of hugs and a lot of tears,” the governor told reporters. “We are here to help students rebuild their lives.”

The gunman, Christopher Harper-Mercer, 26, shot his victims in a classroom in Snyder Hall before exchanging fire with police and then killing himself. Administrators have not started talking about what will happen to Snyder Hall, which is still closed, Cavin said.

It’s also too soon to say how

security at the college might change, she said. Campus police are not armed in this conservative town where residents commonly own and carry guns. The shooting has led to calls for more gun restrictions to reduce the bloodshed, while others here and across the country contend that the answer is more people being armed.

The campus was closed to the media for much of the day. Despite that, many students skipped class Monday because they didn’t want to confront reporters, Cavin said.

“We’re hoping they understand this level of press activity is going to diminish really quickly, and it will feel safer to come back,” Cavin said. “Some of them are just holding back and waiting for the campus to look like the campus they left.”

Supporters started lining the street before dawn. Workers from AAA Sweep, a Roseburg parking-lot sweeping company, arrived at 5:30 a.m., even though some of them didn’t get off work until 2 a.m.



Nari Sarkissian, left, and Penny Lester join hundreds lining the road to Umpqua Community College in Roseburg, Ore., Monday, Oct. 12, 2015, to show support for students returning to school for the first time since the deadliest shooting in state history on Oct. 1.

Rivers crest, I-95 opens as South Carolina turns to recovery

CHAPIN, S.C. (AP)—As the worst of the floodwaters that roared through South Carolina washed out to sea, Gov. Nikki Haley and other officials said Monday it is time to start recovering instead of reacting to the ongoing emergency.

Workers reopened the entire stretch of Interstate 95 southbound Monday, making it the first time in eight days that traffic on the major highway link from Florida to the Northeast didn’t take a two-hour detour. Crews hope the northbound lanes would soon follow.

Again on Monday, Haley refused to speculate how much damage in dollars the massive floods that started Oct. 2 have caused and how the state might pay to fix it. But she promised to rebuild.

“This is not going to take us years to get out of this,” the governor said.

Haley also thanked volunteers, law enforcement and other workers for their times. Those helping included people like Bob Kuenzli, who usually works as a police officer at a school in Chapin, but

while school was cancelled last week, put on a South Carolina State Guard uniform and was assigned to help at a Columbia food bank.

Kuenzli, 68, was directing traffic Friday when a food bank volunteer, 72-year-old Charles Kauffman, became irritated that Kuenzli was letting truck traffic move and stopping other cars.

“Out of the corner of my eye, I saw him coming my way,” Kuenzli told reporters Monday. “He sped up and threw me. ... I got thrown to the ground.”

An angry Richland County Sheriff Leon Lott made sure Kauffman was charged with attempted murder.

Kauffman’s lawyer said at his bond appearance Sunday that he has apologized to Kuenzli and is taking medication after suffering two recent strokes. Kauffman’s bond was set at \$75,000 and he was put under house arrest after being released from jail. There was no answer Monday at a phone number listed for him, and his attorney did not immediately return a message.

Evidence mounts for El Nino that could ease Calif. drought

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Evidence is mounting that the El Nino ocean-warming phenomenon in the Pacific will spawn a rainy winter in California, potentially easing the state’s punishing drought but also bringing the risk of chaotic storms like those that battered the region in the late 1990s.

In the clearest warning yet that Southern California could be due for a deluge, meteorologists said in a report last week that the already strong El Nino has a 95 percent chance of lasting through the winter before weakening in the spring.

“This is as close as you’re going to get to a sure thing,” said

Bill Patzert, a climatologist at NASA’s Jet Propulsion Laboratory, calling this El Nino “too big to fail.”

“In the abstract,” he said, “El Nino seems like our savior.” But if floods and mudslides develop, it’s “not going to look like the great wet hope charging across the landscape on a white horse.”

A strong El Nino arrives about once every 20 years. Ocean temperatures show this one to be the second-strongest since such record keeping began in 1950, said Eric Boldt, a meteorologist with the National Weather Service. That would make it weaker than the El Nino of 1997-98 but stronger than the

El Nino of 1982-83.

Both of those winters were known in California for relentless rain, strong winds and heavy snow. Waves pounded the coast, mudslides rolled down mountainsides and floods swamped homes and claimed lives.

Storms blamed on El Nino in 1997-98 killed at least 17 people, wiped out strawberry and artichoke crops, pushed houses off hillside foundations and washed out highways. Damage was estimated at more than \$500 million.

The 1982-83 tempests left 36 people dead, damaged or destroyed more than 7,900 homes and businesses, and caused \$1.2

billion in losses, according to the weather service.

The NASA lab has been observing El Nino and other ocean trends for decades. In 1992, JPL, in collaboration with France, launched the first in a series of satellites capable of observing the phenomena on a global basis.

Still, El Ninos can be unpredictable. Some have produced little rain, and some of the most damaging storms have come in non-El Nino years.

In the last 65 years, there have been just six strong El Ninos and only two produced major precipitation statewide, according to the California Department of Water Resources.

Police defend use of Taser on city official in Texas

PRALIE VIEW, Texas (AP)—Police officials in a small, predominantly black Texas college town are defending the decision to use a stun gun on a City Council member when he intervened as officers questioned his friends outside his apartment. Police say they were questioning four men outside Prairie View City Council Member Jonathan Miller’s

apartment about suspicious activity in the neighborhood when Miller interfered on Thursday night. Miller, at a Monday news conference, said he was vouching for his friends and telling officers they were doing nothing wrong. “It was just concern for my friends. That’s all it was, and that’s all it should have been,” Miller said. Video from police and from one of Miller’s friends shows officers using a Taser on Miller when he was slow in following police commands. Miller and the officer ordering the use of the Taser are both black.

3 charged with killing tourist, hiker arrive in California

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—A California prosecutor said Monday he has filed murder charges that could lead to the death penalty for three young transients accused of gunning down a Canadian backpacker and a yoga instructor walking his dog. The three arrived in California Monday evening and were taken to Marin County jail, the Marin County Sheriff’s Office said. They were arrested last week in Oregon. Marin County District Attorney Ed Berberian said each suspect is charged with two counts of murder with special circumstances, including lying in wait. The suspects are 24-year-old Sean Michael Angold, 23-year-old Morrison Haze Lamley and 18-year-old Lila Scott Alligood. An arraignment hearing for the three of them has been set for Wednesday, authorities said. It’s unclear if they have retained lawyers.

Asia

PH backs US plan to sail ship near Chinese island

MANILA, Philippines (AP)—The Philippines on Tuesday backed a reported U.S. plan to challenge China's territorial claims by deploying a Navy ship close to a Chinese-built island in the South China Sea, saying it was important for the international community to safeguard freedom of navigation in the disputed waters.

The Department of Foreign Affairs said the U.S. plan of sending a Navy ship within 22 kilometers (14 miles) of the artificial island in the Spratly Islands "would be consistent with international law and a rules-based order for the region."

The U.S. newspaper Navy Times reported last week that the Navy may soon receive approval for the mission to sail close to the island.

Such a U.S. Navy move would bolster Washington's stance that the artificial islands being built by China do not constitute sovereign territory and build a legal case under international law for the U.S. position, the newspaper said.

The Philippine Department of Foreign Affairs warned that "failure to challenge false claims of sovereignty would undermine this order and lead China to the false conclusion that its claims are accepted as a fait accompli."

"It is important for the international community to safeguard freedom of navigation and overflight in the South China Sea," it said. "This is of paramount concern to all countries."

Aside from China and the Philippines, four other governments lay claim to a part of or the entire South China Sea, a busy passageway for a bulk of the world's commerce and military vessels. Washington has a policy of not taking sides in the territorial disputes, but says it's in its national interest to ensure freedom of navigation and overflight and the peaceful resolution of the conflicts.

Chinese Foreign Ministry spokeswoman Hua Chunying expressed serious concern last week over the planned U.S. Navy deployment.

In this April 20, 2015 file photo, Armed Forces of the Philippines Chief of Staff Gen. Gregorio Pio Catapang points to reveal recent images of China's reclamation activities being done at the disputed islands in the South China Sea during a news conference at Camp Aguinaldo in suburban Quezon city, northeast of Manila, Philippines.



Afghan UN staff member killed in southern Afghanistan

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP)—A female U.N. worker was shot and killed on Monday while traveling to work in the city of Kandahar, an Afghan official said.

Toorpakai Olfat, an Afghan national, was killed by two unidentified gunmen on a motorcycle after she left her home, said Samim Akhpolwak, spokesman for the Kandahar provincial governor. There was no immediate claim of responsibility.

The U.N. Assistance Mission in Afghanistan confirmed Olfat's death in a statement and said authorities were investigating.

Secretary-General Ban Ki-Moon said he was "deeply troubled" by the killing of Olfat, who was a "much valued colleague, staunch human

rights defender and friend to many in the United Nations and across Afghanistan."

The U.N. chief called for "a rigorous and prompt investigation" into the killing.

On Monday, NATO announced the nationalities of five service members killed when their helicopter crashed a day earlier while landing at the headquarters of Resolute Support Mission, which is training Afghan security forces, in Kabul. A witness told The Associated Press that the helicopter appeared to strike a monitoring balloon.

The crash killed two British service members, two American service members and a French civilian contractor, NATO said in a statement. Five others were injured. NATO did not release the vic-

tims' identities, saying it left that to the relevant national authorities.

"We're deeply saddened by the loss of our teammates," Brig. Gen. Wilson A. Shoffner, Resolute Support's deputy chief of staff for communications, was quoted as saying in a statement. "Our heartfelt condolences go out to the families and friends of those affected in this tragic incident and we pray for the full recovery of those injured."

Meanwhile, Taliban insurgents attacked Afghan security forces in multiple locations in Ghazni province on Monday, said Interior Ministry spokesman Sediq Sediqqi.

Insurgents began attacking police checkpoints in Giro district at about 6:30 a.m. and sporadic gun battles continued

throughout the day, he said.

Militants also attacked the police station in Ghazni city "from three different directions," Sediqqi said, adding that Afghan army helicopters had been deployed to the scene to support police.

Taliban spokesman Zabihullah Mujahid said in a statement that the militant group had shut down the Kabul-Kandahar highway in Ghazni province.

In a separate incident, a C-208 Afghan army plane crashed as result of a technical problem in central Bamyan province, the Afghan Defense Ministry said in a statement Monday. Two crew members were killed and five wounded as the plane went down while traveling from Bamyan toward Kandahar province.

Okinawa gov revokes approval for relocation of US air base

TOKYO (AP)—Okinawa's governor on Tuesday revoked approval for work needed to relocate a U.S. air base from one area of the southern Japanese island to another, but the Tokyo government said it would still proceed with the plan.

Local residents object to living with U.S. Marine Air Station Futenma and want the base moved off Okinawa. Current plans call for moving it to a less developed area on the island called Henoko.

Gov. Takeshi Onaga was elected last year on promises to fight the move, revoked the local approval given in 2013 by his predecessor on the grounds of "legal defects."

"I will work to keep my promise not to allow another base in Henoko," Onaga said Tuesday.

Government spokesman Yoshihide Suga rejected Onaga's stance, saying the base must be moved for safety reasons.

"There is no change in our plan to proceed with the work," Suga told reporters in Tokyo. He called Onaga's decision "very regrettable."

The central government suspended the land reclamation work on Aug. 10 to allow for a month of talks to reach a compromise with the Okinawan government, but that proved to be too short of a period to resolve two decades of political fighting, and the reclamation work resumed last month despite strong protests by local residents and activists at the site.

The defense minister, Gen.

Nakatani, said work on the site would be suspended, but that it would restart as soon as possible. He planned to request an investigation and seek a court injunction to overturn Onaga's revocation.

Okinawa houses more than half of the 50,000 U.S. troops stationed in Japan and U.S. bases occupy nearly a fifth of the land on its main island. But the local government says the bases are a drain on the economy, providing less than 5 percent of its business activity and employing only 1.4 percent of its workers.

A leaflet issued by the Okinawa government shows significant gains in the local economy from areas already redeveloped once land was returned by the U.S. military.

But safety concerns appear to be the main factor behind plans to move Futenma's airfield, which is surrounded by a largely residential area, including schools and hospitals.

The U.S. side says it is committed to the base relocation and views it as important to the health of the U.S.-Japan security alliance.

The dispute over relocating Futenma symbolizes centuries-old tensions between Okinawa and the Japanese mainland, which annexed the islands, formerly the independent kingdom of the Ryukyus, in 1879. In the final days of World War II, Okinawa became Japan's only home battlefield, and the island remained under U.S. rule for 20 years longer than Japan's 1952 emergence from the American occupation.

ASIAN BRIEFS

5 suspects arrested in attack on Bangladesh pastor

DHAKA, Bangladesh (AP)—Police in northwestern Bangladesh said they have arrested five suspected members of a banned radical group for alleged involvement in an attempt to kill a Christian pastor. Police chief Alamgir Kabir in Pabna district said Monday that the suspected members of Jumatul Mujahideen Bangladesh were arrested in raids in the capital, Dhaka, and elsewhere over past few days. The Rev. Luke Sarker, 52, suffered minor injuries when three men

attacked him with a knife at his home on Oct. 5. The men had told Sarker that they wanted to learn about Christianity.

Landslide hits makeshift homes in Pakistan, killing 13

KARACHI, Pakistan (AP)—Police say a landslide has hit three makeshift homes in a slum in Pakistan's port city of Karachi, killing 13 people. Senior police officer Javed Jaskani says the incident took place early Tuesday when a mass of mud and rocks crashed down a hill into camps in Karachi, the capital of southern

Sindh province. He says women and children were among the dead and injured. State-run television says Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif has expressed grief over the incident and instructed authorities to aid the families of the victims. Karachi is Pakistan's largest city and many poor laborers working there live in slums and makeshift homes near hills.

Blast rocks Tianjin, 2 months after fatal explosion

BEIJING (AP)—Two months after massive explosions left 173 people dead or missing in

a major port city in northern China, Tianjin has been rattled again by a warehouse blast. The official Xinhua News Agency reported Tuesday that a blast hit a warehouse for alcohol materials in the city Monday night and started a fire. No casualties have been reported. Tianjin government's news office said in an online statement. It said 3,000 kilograms (6,600 pounds) of alcohol were being stored in the 700-square-meter (7,500-square-foot) warehouse, along with 1,000 kilograms of acetic acid, which can be used in the making of plastics and pharmaceuticals.

World

Netanyahu accuses Arabs of incitement in wave of stabbings

JERUSALEM (AP)—Palestinians carried out three stabbings Monday in Jerusalem, leaving a teenage Israeli boy in critical condition, and Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu angrily accused the country's Arab leaders of helping incite weeks of violence. Two of the attackers, both teenage boys, were killed.

In a fiery speech at parliament, Netanyahu accused Arab parties of “undermining” the country. He called on Israel’s Arab citizens to “kick out the extremists among you.”

Netanyahu spoke on another bloody day, the latest in a monthlong wave of Israeli-Palestinian violence.

In a new setback for efforts to restore calm, the Quartet of Mideast mediators—the U.S., the U.N., the European Union and Russia -- postponed a trip to the region. Edgar Vasquez, a spokesman for the State Department’s Bureau of Near East Affairs, said it was at the request of the Israeli government due to the circumstances.

Israeli police reported three separate stabbings across the city, including an assault by two attackers in the east Jerusalem area of Pisgat Zeev. Police said the pair seriously wounded a 20-year-old man before attacking a teenage boy on a bicycle.

The boy was critically wounded before police shot and killed



A Palestinian hurls a stone during clashes with Israeli troops near Ramallah, West Bank, Monday, Oct. 12, 2015. AP

one of the attackers, while the second was run over by a car. Abdel Nasser Manasra, a relative of Ahmed, 13, and Hassan, 15, said both were cousins. He did not know which had been killed.

Other attacks occurred in Jerusalem’s Old City, where a

17-year-old assailant was killed, and outside the national police headquarters. The attacker, identified as a 16-year-old girl, was shot and wounded, while a police officer was lightly hurt.

The unrest began last month with clashes at Jerusalem’s most

sensitive holy site and quickly spread across Israel and into the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

Five Israelis have been killed in stabbings, a shooting and a stoning attack on a moving vehicle, while at least 25 Palestinians, including 10 attack-

ers, have been slain. Several Palestinian children, including a 2-year-old girl killed with her mother in a Gaza airstrike, have been among the dead. Hundreds of Palestinians have been wounded in clashes with Israeli troops in the West Bank.

The stabbings have rattled Israel. The attackers, many of them



Source: AP Graphic: Staff, Tribune News Service

teenagers, have had no affiliation with militant groups, and the seemingly random nature of the stabbings has made it difficult to predict or prevent them.

Netanyahu has come under heavy criticism for failing to stop the violence, and an opinion poll this week showed that more than 70 percent of the public is dissatisfied with his handling of the crisis.

The violence erupted over the Jewish New Year last month, fueled by rumors that Israel was plotting to take over a site holy to both Muslims and Jews. The rumors ignited clashes between Israeli police and Palestinian activists who hurled stones and firebombs at them from inside the mosque, and the violence has spread.

Zimbabwe official: US dentist not wanted for killing lion

HARARE, Zimbabwe (AP)—Zimbabwe is no longer pressing for the extradition of James Walter Palmer, an American dentist who killed a well-known lion called Cecil, a Cabinet minister said Monday.

Palmer can now safely return to Zimbabwe as a “tourist” because he had not broken the southern African country’s hunting laws, Environment, Water and Climate Minister Oppah Muchinguri-Kashiri told reporters in Harare on Monday. Zimbabwe’s police and the National Prosecuting Authority had cleared Palmer of wrongdoing, she said.

Through an adviser, Palmer declined comment.

Palmer was identified as the man who killed Cecil in a bow hunt. Cecil, a resident of Hwange National park in western Zimbabwe, was well-known to tourists and researchers for his distinctive black mane.

Muchinguri-Kashiri had said in July that Zimbabwean police and prosecutors would work to get Palmer returned to Zimbabwe to face poaching charges.

On Monday, she told reporters in Harare that Palmer can now safely return to Zimbabwe.

Amid Russian airstrikes, a Putin craze takes hold in Mideast

BEIRUT (AP)—Amid the ornate walls of Damascus’ famed Omayyad Mosque, preacher Maamoun Rahmeh stood before worshippers last week, declaring Russian President Vladimir Putin a “giant and beloved leader” who has “destroyed the myth of the self-aggrandizing America.”

Posters of Putin are popping up on cars and billboards elsewhere in parts of Syria and Iraq, praising the Russian military intervention in Syria as one that will redress the balance of power in the region.

The Russian leader is winning accolades from many in Iraq and Syria, who see Russian airstrikes in Syria as a

turning point after more than a year of largely ineffectual efforts by the U.S.-led coalition to dislodge the Islamic State militants who have occupied significant parts of the two countries.

The reactions underscore that while the West may criticize Putin for supporting Syrian President Bashar Assad, there is some relief in the region at the emergence of a player with a coherent—if controversial—strategy.

“Putin does more than just speak,” said Sohban Elewi of Damascus, summing up the views of Syrians on opposing camps who regard U.S. policy in Syria and Iraq as fumbled

and confused.

Russia began its air campaign in Syria on Sept. 30, joining the fray of those bombing Syria at a critical time for Assad and his embattled troops. The Syrian army’s loss of the northern province of Idlib opened the way for rebels to come dangerously close to the coastal Alawite heartland, leaving his soldiers there vulnerable and dejected.

Russia insists it is targeting the Islamic State group and other “terrorists.” But Syrian rebels and opposition activists say Moscow’s warplanes in recent days have focused on Idlib and the central province of Hama, hitting U.S.-

backed rebels in areas with no IS militants.

The planes also have provided air cover for Syrian ground troops who launched an offensive in central Syria, reinforcing the belief that Russia’s main aim is to shore up Assad’s forces.

In addition to the warplanes taking off from a base in Latakia, Russian ships in the Caspian Sea have fired cruise missiles that fly nearly 1,500 kilometers (930 miles) over Iran and Iraq to strike Raqqa and Aleppo provinces, in what many see as a show of force meant to portray muscle more than serve a specific military goal.

Turkey faces period of instability in wake of attacks

ANKARA, Turkey (AP)—The suicide bombings that ripped through a rally promoting peace in Turkey’s capital have magnified the political uncertainty ahead of a key election Nov. 1 and raised fears that the country may be heading toward an extended period of instability.

The blasts—Turkey’s bloodiest in years—have further polarized the country as President Recep Tayyip Erdogan tries again for a ruling majority in

parliament. And with political winds blowing against the ruling party, the election could create new power struggles just as the country grapples with more than 2 million refugees and tries to avoid being drawn into the chaos in neighboring Syria and Iraq.

This is a dramatic and dangerous time for the mostly Muslim nation and NATO ally, so often cited as an example of stability in a tumultuous region.

“We are now facing uncharted

waters in terms of deadly violence in Turkey,” wrote Omer Taspinar of the Brookings Institution in Today’s Zaman, an opposition newspaper. “We are also in uncharted waters in terms of political polarization in the country.”

Turkey has suffered a spiral of violence since July, when a similar suicide bombing killed 33 Turkish and Kurdish activists in a town near the Syrian border, ending a cease-fire. Kurdish rebels blamed Turkey’s govern-

ment, and hundreds have been killed since then in the renewed conflict with security forces.

No one has claimed responsibility for Saturday’s explosions at the Ankara peace rally, which killed at least 97 people and wounded hundreds.

Deputy Prime Minister Numan Kurtulmus said Monday that the two bombers exploded about 5 kilograms (11 pounds) of dynamite each, and that authorities have detained “a large number” of suspects.

bwe as a “tourist” because he had not broken this wildlife-rich southern African country’s hunting laws.

“He is free to come, not for hunting, but as a tourist,” Oppah Muchinguri-Kashiri told reporters. “It turned out that Palmer came to Zimbabwe because all the papers were in order.”

Cat expert Alan Rabinowitz, chief executive of the New York-based cat conservation organization Panthera, said in response that “the bar must be raised” for any legal hunting of wild cats because wild lion populations are declining in most parts of Africa.

“Cecil the lion’s killing, sadly, is but one case in a broad-based human assault on these majestic animals, even where they are supposedly protected,” Rabinowitz said in a statement Monday.

Palmer was the subject of extradition talk in Zimbabwe and a target of protests in the United States, particularly in Minnesota, where he has a dental practice, after he was identified as the man who killed Cecil the lion in a bow hunt. Cecil roamed in Hwange National Park in western Zimbabwe.

Focus

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Iight years after the Virginia Tech massacre led to tighter security at colleges across the U.S., some schools make “active shooter” training mandatory for incoming students, while others offer little more than brief online guidance on what to do if there’s a gunman on the loose, a review by The Associated Press finds.

The AP looked at public colleges and universities in more than 40 states after yet another shooting rampage, the killing of nine people at an Oregon community college Oct. 1. On Friday, there was more bloodshed, with one person killed and three wounded at an Arizona university.

At some institutions, such as the Colorado School of Mines and Arkansas State University, training on how to respond to an armed intruder has become as much a part of fall orientation as lessons on alcohol abuse. Students hear presentations covering their options, such as running, hiding or fighting back.

Other schools have purely voluntary training. Or they put information on what to do in an emergency on websites, where it can easily be overlooked by students and staff members. Many public college and university systems leave it up to their individual campuses to draw up emergency plans and decide what level of training, if any, to give employees and students.

In the wake of the recent violence, some professors, students and administrators are asking whether schools need to do more to deliver potentially life-saving messages to those on campus.

The challenges are particularly acute at two-year community colleges, which often do not have their own police forces to conduct training exercises for staff and students. They also tend to have lots of older, working students who can be hard to reach.

“That it’s actually happened recently with the frequency and danger it has, I think everyone is frightened and asking a lot of questions about how well-prepared we would be as a campus,” said David Morse, an English instructor who is president of the Academic Senate for California’s 113 community colleges.

The 2007 slaughter of 32 people by a student at Virginia Tech prompted Congress to require colleges and universities to adopt procedures for notifying the campus of an immediate threat. Under the law, schools also must publicize their emergency response plans “in a manner designed to reach students and staff.”

The AP review found that most schools have set up sophisticated alert systems that use text messages, social me-

Knowing what to do if shooting starts still hazy at colleges



In this April 16, 2007 file photo, injured occupants are carried out of Norris Hall at Virginia Tech in Blacksburg, Va. Gunman Seung-Hui Cho killed himself after the shootings which left 33 dead. AP

dia or technology that can remotely take over computers tied to campus servers. Many also have added armed officers, conducted drills with law enforcement authorities and created threat-assessment teams that try to determine whether an overheard remark or violence-tinged essay is a genuine danger sign.

Some of these measures are credited with saving lives. When a gunman shot students at a Florida State University library a year ago, campus police

responded within minutes of the first 911 call and fired a barrage of bullets that killed him. Less than two weeks before, the police had participated in active shooter training that included a scenario with a gunman at the library.

Umpqua Community College, site of the Oregon mass shooting, also did many things right to prepare, and experts said its efforts may well have saved lives.

A small, rural school, Umpqua

didn’t have its own police force, but administrators brought in local officers so they would be familiar with the layout. Professors and staff regularly discussed how they should respond if someone started shooting, and where in their buildings would be the safest place to hunker down. The school also had emergency notification and lockdown procedures in place.

But in general, educating students and employees about what to do in the event of an at-

tack has proved something of a stumbling block. While most schools have created posters, brochures and online guides, some of them have yet to figure out how to get people to read, much less absorb, the material.

Richard Turton, chairman of West Virginia University’s Faculty Senate, said he wasn’t familiar with his school’s active shooter plan until a reporter’s question prompted him to do some digging. He found a PowerPoint presentation and videos

on the university’s website.

“I would suspect many faculty who are very busy would tend to not look at those things unless they’re sort of prompted several times,” Turton said.

Matt Barnes, 30, a civil engineering student who just transferred to the University of Minnesota’s Twin Cities campus, received a booklet during orientation that outlined the school’s emergency notification procedures. He realized it didn’t mention anything about an active shooter situation.

Barnes said he gets emails any time there is a crime on campus with details about the incident. But he said he’s not sure what he’s supposed to do if something happens in a building where he happens to be.

University spokesman Steve Henneberry confirmed the booklet doesn’t specifically mention active shooter situations and said it was written from an “all-hazards planning point of view.”

On some campuses, some of the advice itself isn’t detailed or even particularly helpful.

The website of 20,000-student Kirkwood Community College in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, advises students that in the event of a shooter or sniper, “listen for instructions from authorities such as whether to remain inside or to evacuate.” Campus security director Melissa Jensen said more specific training videos also are available.

The instructions can vary from campus to campus. Many schools have adopted the run, hide or fight-back training developed by the city of Houston and promoted by the FBI. Others have embraced the procedures developed by the I Love U Guys Foundation, which urges students to lock themselves in classrooms if it all possible.

At Arkansas State University in Jonesboro, the active shooter training that is mandatory for new students is voluntary for the faculty.

“How many faculty have availed themselves of these trainings? Unfortunately, the answer is not many,” said Greg Phillips, chairman of the Faculty Senate, which will take up the issue during the coming week.

Ron Hackenberg, a security consultant and former police chief at California State University-San Marcos, said the slayings in Oregon should spur more schools to go beyond voluntary training.

“In real life, unless you are a combat veteran, most people will freeze if they are not prepared,” he said.

In California, community college campuses historically have been given wide latitude in drawing up emergency preparations. Gov. Jerry Brown signed a law in July that calls on the system to add active shooter training to the emergency planning it recommends for campuses.

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A look at deadliest shootings on or near US college campuses

University of California, Santa Barbara, campus. Authorities said he apparently shot himself to death after a shootout with deputies.

June 7, 2013: Five people are killed and several others are wounded in Santa Monica, California, when John Zawahri, 23, shoots his father and brother and then shoots at strangers in cars and at Santa Monica College, where students were taking final exams. Zawahri is fatally shot by officers in the college library.

April 2, 2012: Seven people are killed and three are injured when a 43-year-old former student opens fire at Oikos University, in Oakland, California. One Goh was charged with seven counts of murder and three counts of attempted murder but psychiatric evaluations concluded he suffers from long-term paranoid schizophrenia and is unfit to stand trial.

May 23, 2014: A community college student, Elliot Rodger, 22, kills six people and injures 13 others in shooting and stabbing attacks in the area near the

Feb. 14, 2008: Five students are killed and 18 are wounded when former student Steven Kazmierczak, 27, opens fire in a lecture hall at Northern Illinois University in DeKalb, Illinois, before committing suicide.

Feb. 8, 2008: Two people are killed when Latina Williams, 23, opens fire during an emergency medical technology class at Louisiana Technical College in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, before shooting herself.

April 16, 2007: Thirty-two people are fatally shot in a dorm and classroom at Virginia Tech in Blacksburg, Virginia, before the gunman, Seung-Hui Cho, 23, kills himself.

Sept. 2, 2006: Douglas W. Pennington, 49, fatally shoots his two sons before killing himself during a visit to Shepherd University in Shepherdstown, West Virginia.

Oct. 28, 2002: Three pro-

fessors are killed when Robert Flores Jr., 41, who was flunking out of the University of Arizona nursing school, shoots them before killing himself in Tucson, Arizona.

Jan. 16, 2002: Three people are killed and three are wounded when a recently dismissed graduate student at the Appalachian School of Law in Grundy, Virginia, returns to campus and targets the dean, a professor and a student. Peter Odighizuwa, 42, pleaded guilty in the attack and was sentenced to life in prison.

Aug. 15, 1996: Three professors are shot and killed when Frederick Martin Davidson, 36, a graduate engineering student at San Diego State University, is defending his thesis before a faculty committee and pulls out a handgun. Davidson was later sentenced in California to three life terms in prison without parole.

Good Housekeeping

Five reasons you should remove a dead tree

By CHRISTINE DIMARIA
ANGIE'S LIST

Severe winds, harsh storms and wood-boring bugs can brutally assault your trees.

Ultimately, certain problems like these can kill a tree.

Even if your tree has died from an inadequate water or nutrient supply, you should still consider having it removed.

If you notice a tree might be dying, you should call an arborist to assess it. The sooner you catch the problem, the less costly tree removal is—and you may actually save it.

If the tree has died, consider the costs of hiring a professional tree service to remove it. In some cases, they may need a crane for the job.



Renting the equipment will add to the cost, and, in addition, it's more difficult to access the tree with a crane, depending on its location.

Whatever you decide, it's usu-

ally best to remove a dead tree from your lawn. Here's why:

1. Dead trees attract pests

Your tree may be dead or is in the process of dying, but that doesn't mean wildlife won't build a nest there.

In fact, while a nice family of bluebirds may move in, your tree might also attract rats and termites. Both pests can migrate the short distance to your home.

2. Dead trees are unattractive

Dead trees aren't aesthetically pleasing. If you spend money on other aspects of landscaping, you're counteracting those upgrades with the unappealing look of a dead tree.

Curb appeal helps your neighborhood and can bring in more cash when it comes time to sell.

3. Tree diseases are contagious

If your tree died from—or is

Mike Raffo, owner of All Access Tree Care in San Diego, works in a customer's yard.
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currently dying from—a tree disease, other plants can contract that disease.

Powdery mildews can develop on the branches and trunks, and leaves become susceptible to chlorosis, where they lose their lush green color and become yellow or lime green.

So if you planted flowers underneath your tree, or you planted other trees in the general vicinity, the same disease may infect these live and healthy plants.

4. Branches may fall

Weakened branches from dead trees may fall on a windy day or during a storm. In actuality, these branches may fall at any given time, causing destruction to your home or property.

They're also a liability if they fall on your neighbor's property.

Don't forget, animals and people may walk underneath the tree and suffer a serious injury, if not death, from being hit by a branch.

5. Dead trees are more likely to topple over

Decay and decomposition compromise the integrity of the tree.

Whichever way the tree falls, it may damage your home or your neighbor's property, or injure your family or passersby.

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Flat, satin or semi-gloss? Brush up on paint types

By STACY GIORDULLO
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Ready to refresh your home's interior walls with a new coat of paint, but aren't sure what type to use for each room? Or do you have other items around the house that need to be spruced up? If painting is on your to-do list, whether it's by hiring a highly rated professional to tackle the task or rolling up your sleeves and doing it yourself, our experts provided the best paint options to consider for each project.

Which paint do I pick for the interior?

You can find color inspiration anywhere—a flower garden, a fancy cocktail, even a pair of blue suede shoes. Paint stores have the ability to match any color you bring them, so use your imagination (consider <http://www.angieslist.com/articles/how-pick-paint-fits-your-personality.htm>) and stick to these types of paints for the best results:

Kitchen: Use a satin or semi-gloss paint, which are easier to wipe down.

Bathroom: Use a satin or eggshell sheen to help ward off watermarks. "A lot of people think the higher the sheen, the more washable it is," says Andy Neis, owner of Andy's Custom Painting in Indianapolis. "That's not true. Don't go with a semi-gloss; it's way too shiny. The higher the sheen, the easier it is to see the imperfections. Don't use anything higher than an eggshell or satin, and pay a little bit more for quality paints—they're more durable."

Hallways: "High traffic areas



You don't want to use the same paint for every room in your house.
KATELIN KINNEY/ANGIE'S LIST/TNS

need a satin finish to resist the dreaded marks left by bumps and rubs when people walk down the hall," says Greg Bowers, owner of All Pro Painting Company in Indianapolis. "If you have a flat finish, you'll see finger prints. Satin also stays cleaner, as the dirt doesn't grip to the slick surface as much as a flat finish."

Trim/baseboards: Use a semi-gloss, which offers a bit of sheen and is easy to clean.

Living room or bedroom: A satin or eggshell paint flatters these areas.

Ceiling: Use flat paint to reduce light glare and hide imperfections.

Can you paint...?

Cabinetry

If your kitchen cabinets are in good condition, they can be painted to suit your style or upgrade a dated finish, says Andrew Wagoner, president

of Spectrum Painting Corp., in Carmel, Ind. "This is an area of expertise for us, and we have very specific processes for painting cabinetry."

Homeowners who want to tackle the job should scrub and lightly sand the cabinets, apply a primer, and then finish with enamel paint.

"Our specific finish coat enamel paint of choice is one of the waterborne oil/alkyd enamels from Porter Paints, Sherwin-Williams, or Benjamin Moore, typically in the semi-gloss sheen," he says.

A bedroom door

"You want to use a semi-gloss paint that will hold up to the constant handling and can be washed," says Greg Mrakich, owner of Greg Mrakich Painting in Indianapolis. He advises homeowners use a 4-inch-wide roller to apply the paint, and then go back over it with a brush

to remove any roller marks.

Over wallpaper

To save money, sometimes builders won't paint a wall if they know wallpaper is going up. "The paper is on there so well and tight, it becomes part of the drywall," Mrakich says. "It just doesn't strip off. The damage you do to the drywall isn't worth it."

Mrakich says homeowners can apply primer over the paper, smooth out any joints and then paint. "It looks good," he says.

And no matter what paint you go with, our experts agree: Steer clear of the cheapest choices. "A key element to success is to use premium quality primer and paint products," Wagoner says.

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COMFORT FOOD

Creme Caramel

This custard dessert, also known as flan or caramel pudding, has a soft caramel layer on top, as opposed to creme brulee, which has a hard caramel top.

1/2 cup plus 1/3 cup sugar
5 large eggs
2 2/3 cups whole milk
2 teaspoons vanilla extract
1/4 teaspoon salt

1. Heat oven to 325 F. In heavy 1-quart saucepan, heat 1/2 cup sugar over medium heat until melted and amber in color, about 10 minutes, swirling pan occasionally. Into each of eight 6-ounce custard cups or ramekins, immediately pour about 1 tablespoon melted sugar, tilting cup so that sugar coats bottom.

2. In large bowl, with wire whisk, mix eggs and remaining 1/3 cup sugar until well-blended. Whisk in milk, vanilla and salt until well-combined. Pour milk mixture over melted sugar in cups.

* Each serving: About 175 calories, 6g total fat (3g saturated), 7g protein, 24g carbohydrate, 0g fiber, 144mg cholesterol, 150mg sodium. For thousands of triple-tested recipes, visit our website at www.goodhousekeeping.com/recipefinder/. (Hearst Communications, Inc.)

Life & Style

Esquire's Sexiest Woman Alive is the sultry Emilia Clarke

NEW YORK (AP)—It's most definitely Emilia Clarke's year.

The 28-year-old Londoner, who plays menacing, white-haired Daenerys Targaryen, aka Khaleesi, aka Mother of Dragons on "Game of Thrones," is *Esquire's* Sexiest Woman Alive.

The magazine made the announcement early Tuesday, but GQ got there first, anointing Clarke Woman of the Year in September.

In addition to her high-profile role on the massively popular HBO series, Clarke was Sarah Connor in the summer movie hit "Terminator: Genisys."

She can do fierce, but also friendly. She can be queen, but also kid sister, killer or girl next door, writes Benjamin Markovits in the *Esquire* story accompanying Clarke's nude cover, belly down with bedsheet strategically placed.

Lisa Hintelmann, editorial projects director for the magazine, called Clarke the all-around favorite.

"Emilia Clarke is unforgettable in 'Game of Thrones' and was hands down the number one choice of *Esquire's* staff, friends and family," she said in an email.

On the pages of *Esquire*, with more sultry photos inside, she is also "Lilly," the alias she takes after donning a disguise to frolic at London's Crystal Palace Park with Markovits for a round of



AP In this image released by HBO, Emilia Clarke appears in a scene from "Game of Thrones." The 28-year-old Clarke, who plays menacing, white-haired Daenerys Targaryen, aka Khaleesi, aka Mother of Dragons on "Game of Thrones," is *Esquire's* Sexiest Woman Alive. The magazine made the announcement early Tuesday, Oct. 13.

worked multiple jobs while living with friends before "Game of Thrones" changed her life when it began airing in 2011.

Clarke recalled some difficulties on the show early on. She was just 23. There was full frontal nudity, lots of sex, even a rape scene. She tells Markovits how she suffered along with her character.

"Once, I had to take a little time out," she said. "I said I needed a cup of tea, had a bit of a cry, and was ready for the next scene."

That's what the English call "mucking in," or striking a balance between helping out and getting your hands dirty while maintaining a smile on your face, Markovits writes. Clarke, he said, is good at it.

She recalled in the story her father's early warnings about lowering expectations as an actress when she first started out, and her days working at a call center.

Sexy but still real, Markovits declares, "is the gorgeous balance of Emilia Clarke."

President Obama interviews author Marilynne Robinson

NEW YORK (AP)—For this interview, President Barack Obama was the one asking the questions.

In a discussion held last month in Iowa and posted Monday by The New York Review of Books, Obama asked Pulitzer Prize-winning author Marilynne Robinson about faith, democracy, education and writing.

Obama explained that he met with Robinson because he was anxious to have an unscripted discussion with someone he admired.

"One of the things that I don't get a chance to do as often as I'd like is just to have a conversation with somebody who I enjoy and I'm interested in," he told Robinson, "to hear from them and have a conversation with them about some of the broader cultural forces that shape our democracy and shape our ideas and shape how we feel about citizenship and the direction that the country



should be going in. "And so we had this idea that why don't I just have a conversation with somebody I really like and see how it turns out. And you were first in the queue."

Obama is a long-time fan of Robinson and her novel "Gilead," an Iowa-based narrative that the president said he had read while visiting the state as a candidate.

"Gilead" was the first of a Robinson trilogy of stories set in a rural Iowa community. The other novels were "Home" and "Lila."

Obama told Robinson: "Part of my connection to your books, I think, is an appreciation for—without romanticizing Middle America or small-town America—that sense of homespun virtues. And that comes out in your writing. And it sometimes seems really foreign to popular culture today, which is all about celebrity and being loud and bragging."

She isn't recognized.

Clarke is the second child of by-the-bootstraps parents. Mom started as a secretary and rose to marketing executive and dad made it out of

working-class Wolverhampton near Birmingham to become a roadie, then sound specialist for big-budget musicals.

She followed her brother into boarding school because "I fan-

cied his friends," she told *Esquire*, then she went on to study drama in college, pulling a couple of episodes on the long-running British daytime soap "Doctors" after graduation. She

Remembering Hollywood's biggest box office disasters

LOS ANGELES (AP)—"Pan" walked the plank this weekend and it didn't go well.

Warner Bros.' \$150 million live-action Peter Pan origin story captured a dismal \$15.5 million from North American theaters, and its international prospects don't look much more promising. The film earned only \$20.5 million from 52 markets.

Unlike Disney's largely profitable foray into live-action fairy tale adaptations, "Pan," starring Hugh Jackman, Rooney Mara and newcomer Levi Miller, might find Warner Bros. taking a write-down for their losses. Only time and the promise of

an Oct. 22 China opening will seal "Pan's" ultimate fate, but it already has the dubious distinction of being one of 2015's biggest bombs, up there with Disney's "Tomorrowland" and Fox's "Fantastic Four."

In honor of the rare, fascinating spectacle of the box office bomb, here are some of Hollywood's most infamous financial catastrophes.

1. HEAVEN'S GATE (1980)

It might not come close to matching some of the epic losses on the list, but director Mi-

chael Cimino's Western starring Kris Kristofferson and Christopher Walken is one of cinema's most famous flops. The \$44 million film made only \$3.5 million domestically and effectively destroyed the estimable United Artists.

2. TOWN & COUNTRY (2001)

Somehow this no-frills Warren Beatty, Diane Keaton and Goldie Hawn romantic comedy cost \$90 million to produce, and earned \$10.3 million worldwide. Suddenly Beatty's 1987 "Ishtar" embarrassment didn't look so bad.

3. HOW DO YOU KNOW (2010)

Having not learned any lessons from "Town & Country's" out-of-control budget, writer-director James L. Brooks made this romantic triangle comedy, starring Reese Witherspoon, Jack Nicholson, Owen Wilson and Paul Rudd, for \$120 million. It went on to gross only \$48.7 million worldwide.

4. CUTTHROAT ISLAND (1995)

Geena Davis starred alongside Matthew Modine in this pirate adventure, directed by her then-husband Renny Harlin, as

a woman seeking buried treasure and vengeance. The \$98 million MGM film made only \$10 million domestically and for years was considered the biggest money-loser ever.

5. THE ADVENTURES OF PLUTO NASH (2002)

Warner Bros. sat on this \$100 million Eddie Murphy space comedy for two years before finally pushing it out to theaters. The result? A worldwide sum of \$7.1 million.

6. THE 13TH WARRIOR (1999)

This John McTiernan-directed 10th century Viking saga starring Antonio Banderas cost a whopping \$160 million to make, bringing in only \$61.7 million worldwide.

7. MARS NEEDS MOMS (2011)

This already forgotten, \$150 million CG-animated disaster featured the voices of Seth Green and Joan Cusack, and netted only \$39 million worldwide.

8. 47 RONIN (2013)

With a budget that's been reported to be in the \$175 to \$225 million-range, Keanu Reeves' samurai epic was a flop before audiences had the chance to de-

cide for themselves. Universal let the stinker sit on the shelf for a year, reporting a \$175 million loss before the film even hit theaters.

9. THE LONE RANGER (2013)

After spinning box office gold with the "Pirates of the Caribbean" franchise, director Gore Verbinski, producer Jerry Bruckheimer and star Johnny Depp tried their hand at a \$215 million take on "The Lone Ranger." The film, which co-starred Armie Hammer, grossed \$89 million domestically and \$260.5 million worldwide, but Disney still prepped shareholders for a \$160 to \$190 million loss.

10. JOHN CARTER (2012)

The century-old story may have directly inspired some of modern sci-fi's biggest hits (hello, "Star Wars"), that didn't seem to matter much to anyone in the end. Disney poured a reported \$250 to \$275 million into producing the film, resting it all on the broad shoulders of small screen star Taylor Kitsch. "John Carter" opened to only \$30.2 million, and the studio took a \$200 million write-down while it was still in theaters.

Streaming TV services: What they cost, what you get

Cable or satellite packages, excluding promotions, can easily run \$70 to \$100 a month. That gets you hundreds of diverse channels—ESPN for sports lovers, premium channels like HBO and Showtime, the major networks and niche options. But maybe you can find more cost-effective options online.

Netflix is raising the monthly price for its most popular plan by \$1, to \$10, for new customers (and eventually all customers). Online services, individually, are still cheaper. Depending on what you like to watch, however, you may need to subscribe to several. And not all of them can play at the same time for several family members.

A sampling of services for different tastes:

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DISH'S SLING TV

Price: Starts at \$20 a month.

Live offering: About 20 channels, including ESPN, ABC Family, AMC and Food Network. No broadcast channels like CBS or NBC, although Univision is available in add-on packages. Add-on packages for sports, movies, kids, lifestyles and world news available for \$5 each, and HBO for \$15.

On demand: No recording of channels, though some offer older episodes, including HBO. Access to WatchESPN on-demand app.

Restrictions: Can watch only one stream at a time, so members of households will need multiple subscriptions, although HBO content can be streamed on 3 devices at a time. DVR controls, such as pause and rewind, aren't available for many channels. NFL blackouts on mobile devices.

MLB.TV

Price: \$110 for a full season; the price goes down throughout the season. An extra \$5 for some postseason games with alternative camera angles—not what's shown on TV.

Live offering: All Major League Baseball games, subject to home-



AP

This March 20, 2012 file photo shows Netflix headquarters in Los Gatos, Calif. Netflix is raising the monthly price for its most popular plan by \$1, to \$10, for new customers (and eventually all customers).

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On demand: All games.

Restrictions: Lots of blackouts. Extra \$20 for season to watch on mobile and streaming TV devices.

THIS SEASON'S TV

CBS ALL ACCESS

Monthly price: \$6.

Live offering: More than 100 markets.

On demand: Day-after access to shows on mobile devices (on traditional computers, it's free without a subscription). Full seasons for many shows, not just past five episodes. Past seasons for a handful of shows, including "The Good Wife," "Survivor," "The Amazing Race" and "60 Minutes."

Restrictions: Some sports blackouts.

HBO NOW

Price: About \$15 a month

Live offering: New episodes are available through apps about the same time they are shown on TV.

On demand: Current and past seasons of most HBO shows, including "Games of Thrones," "Girls" and "The Sopranos." Hundreds of movies.

Restrictions: No Android devices. Apple TV is only streaming device supported.

Restrictions:

You must subscribe through a partner like Apple, Amazon or Android. Cablevision and Verizon also offer HBO Now.

HULU

Price: \$8 a month for Plus, though many shows are free on Windows and Mac computers. \$12 a month for a version with no commercials.

Live offering: None

On demand: Next-day access to shows from ABC, NBC, Fox and CW, along with some cable channels. Some movies and original shows.

Restrictions: Fox and CW shows restricted to cable subscribers for first week. ABC requires cable or Hulu Plus subscription during that time. Plus also needed for viewing on mobile and streaming TV devices.

BINGE-WATCHING TV & MOVIES

AMAZON

Price: \$8.25 a month (only through \$99-a-year Amazon Prime subscription)

Live offering: None

On demand: Apart from original shows such as "House of Cards," offerings tend to be past seasons, plus movies. Next-day access to shows for \$2 or \$3 an episode.

Restrictions: Requires a one-year commitment.

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FOR KIDS

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Live offering: None

On demand: Apart from original shows such as "House of Cards," offerings tend to be past seasons, plus movies.

Restrictions: For the most popular plan, you can watch on only 2 screens at a time.

NICKELODEON'S NOGGIN

Monthly price: \$6

Live offering: None

On demand: Games and activities created for service alongside archives of shows no longer on any of Nickelodeon's TV channels. Aimed at preschoolers.

Restrictions: Available on Apple mobile devices only.

Raven-Symone apologizes for remark on job discrimination

NEW YORK (AP)—Raven-Symone is the latest panelist on "The View" to try to take back her words, saying her comment last week that she would not hire someone with an ethnic-sounding name was in "poor taste."



Raven-Symone

that she'd discriminate against a name, she said over the weekend that she would not.

"My comment was in poor taste," she said. "My lack of empathy toward name discrimination was uncalled for."

Apologies are nothing new on "The View." Joy Behar apologized twice last month after some mocking commentary about a Miss America contestant who is a nurse appeared on the pageant dressed for work and talked about an Alzheimer's patient. The comment infuriated nurses and led to a couple of ads being pulled from the show.

Whoopi Goldberg also drew attention this summer for backing fellow comedian Bill Cosby following a story by The Associated Press that Cosby had admitted to obtaining Quaaludes with the intent of giving them to women he wanted to have sex with.

A few days later, "The View" brought legal analyst Dan Abrams on to explain the case against Cosby, and Goldberg walked back her support.

Even though she said on "The View"

Gloria and Emilio Estefan celebrate immigrants in musical

NEW YORK (AP)—With some U.S. presidential candidates on the campaign trail demonizing immigrants, a powerhouse husband-and-wife team, who both happen to be immigrants themselves, hope they can offer some balance—and some pop songs.

Gloria Estefan and her husband, Emilio, are shepherding their musical biography "On Your Feet!" to Broadway this fall. It's a show that celebrates two Cuban-Americans who embraced the American Dream and now own enough Grammy Awards to fill a swimming pool.

"We've been around long enough already to have gone through several election cycles. Every single time, fear gets brought into the equation," said Gloria Estefan. "This is a great balance because we need to remind people, 'Hey, we're just people.'"

The musical uses the Estefan hits "1-2-3," "Turn the Beat Around" and "Conga" to tell the story of how the budding singer and producer met, battled for crossover success, handled interfamily squabbles and overcame a bus crash that nearly claimed Gloria's life.

It's the specific story of two people

who fled the country of their birth, made a new life in Miami and rose to the top of the music world. But the Estefans say it's a celebration of immigration for a nation of immigrants.

"It doesn't matter where you come from. Unless you're a Native American Indian, you're not from here. Somewhere down the road, you came from somewhere else," said Gloria Estefan, who has sold over 100 million albums. "It's always the last person in that gets bashed."

"On Your Feet!" comes as some Republican candidates for the White House have slammed Mexican and Muslim immigrants. "One thing those people don't realize is that we don't take this country for granted. We want to make a contribution," said Emilio Estefan, who has guided the careers of such luminaries as Shakira, Ricky Martin and Jennifer Lopez.

While they acknowledge their life story hasn't included typical dramatic fodder for a musical—a descent into drugs, say, or infidelity or murder—the Estefans think it will connect with audiences. "We haven't led controversial lives, but it's human. Everybody's

going to identify with somebody on that stage," said Gloria Estefan.

Emilio Estefan hopes some of it can be inspiring. In high school, he asked a teacher if he could learn music but was told he was too old. "I won 19 Grammys. So don't let anybody change your life. Do what you think is best for you," he said, laughing.

The team they've assembled is impressive, including "Kinky Boots" director Jerry Mitchell, "Memphis" choreographer Sergio Trujillo and book writer Alexander Dinelaris, who wrote the "Birdman" screenplay. ("I'm glad we got him before he won the Oscar or else we wouldn't have been able to afford him," jokes Gloria Estefan.)

Finding the actor to play Emilio was easy. Josh Segarra, on Broadway in "Lysistrata Jones," won the role at the initial readings. ("He's so good-looking that Emilio didn't want to look anywhere else," Gloria Estefan said.)

Landing the right actress to play Gloria was harder and it came down to the wire. The winner was Ana Villafane, who appeared in the film "Magic City Memoirs" and who initially auditioned via video.

SHOWBIZ TIDBITS**Conan O'Brien headed to Armenia—for a night**

NEW YORK (AP)—Late-night comic Conan O'Brien is hitting the road again—this time to Armenia. He'll be the first American talk show host to do a show from Armenia, not that that was a particularly competitive achievement. TBS said Monday that the episode will air on Nov. 10. O'Brien said he'll be joined by his long-time assistant Sona Movsesian, who is of Armenian descent. Said O'Brien: "I think it's every boss' responsibility to take their assistant back to their ancestral land. That's why I'm going to make sure my next assistant was born in a five-star resort in Tuscany."

John Legend, Chrissy Teigen announce pregnancy

LOS ANGELES (AP)—John Legend and Chrissy Teigen are expecting their first child. The 36-year-old musician and 29-year-old model announced the pregnancy Monday on Instagram. A spokeswoman for Teigen confirmed the social media post. Legend and Teigen revealed the news by posting a black-and-white photo of themselves with the caption: "We're pregnant!" Teigen wrote that conceiving a child hasn't been easy for the pair and that they are looking forward to growing their family. The "All of Me" singer-songwriter and "FABlife" co-host have been married since 2013.

Actor Dick Van Dyke steps in to save his childhood home

DANVILLE, Illinois (AP)—Actor Dick Van Dyke is taking steps to save his childhood home, which was slated for demolition in the Illinois city of Danville. News stories about the threat to the home reached the 89-year-old actor last summer. He announced over the weekend that the home will be restored as headquarters for a new foundation to provide scholarships to accomplished

young performers. Organizers of the Dick Van Dyke Foundation hope to establish a museum in the home where Van Dyke and brother Jerry lived during high school after relocating from Missouri. After learning of the house's dilapidated state, the star of "Mary Poppins" and television's "The Dick Van Dyke Show" recalled the "happy memories drifting around in there" in a tweet to his tens of thousands of followers.

Carey Mulligan talks baby daughter at 'Suffragette' premiere

NEW YORK (AP)—Carey Mulligan gave birth a couple of weeks ago, but just recently revealed her baby's gender. It's Mumford and daughter for Mulligan and her husband. She's married to Mumford & Sons frontman Marcus Mumford. While on the red carpet Monday for her new film, "Suffragette," she says she had a little girl. The baby's name is Evelyn, Mulligan says smiling. The new mom says she has been too busy with the baby to process the experience. She says, "Ask me that in five years."

James Taylor's mother dies at Martha's Vineyard home at 92

CHILMARK, Mass. (AP)—The mother of Grammy Award-winning singer-songwriter James Taylor has died at age 92. Gertrude Woodard Taylor died over the weekend surrounded by four generations of family at her home "overlooking her beloved Stonewall Pond" in Chilmark on Martha's Vineyard, the "Fire & Rain" singer said on his website. She died of complications from old age, her daughter, Kate Taylor, told the Vineyard Gazette. James Taylor said his mother "devoted her life to her marriage and her five children, four boys and a girl." Three of her children, James Taylor, Kate Taylor and Livingston Taylor, became professional musicians.

Worker electrocuted at HGTV Dream Home

MERRIT ISLAND, Fla. (AP)—Authorities say a man was electrocuted while working on a boat dock at the site of the HGTV Dream Home giveaway in central Florida.

Brevard County Fire Rescue reports that paramedics re-

sponded to the Merritt Island home, about 55 miles southeast of Orlando, Monday afternoon and pulled the unresponsive man out of Indian River Lagoon. The man was rushed to a hospital, where he was pronounced dead.

The sheriff's office was investigating the death as an accident. The worker's name wasn't immediately released.

Florida Today (<http://goo.gl/30eEfq>) reports that the home was chosen as part of the show's

20th annual design project and remodeling effort. A national contest later this year will determine who will win the home.

A telephone message left with HGTV wasn't immediately returned.

Phil Collins autobiography to be published in 2016

LONDON (AP)—Against all odds, Phil Collins has decided to write an autobiography.

The former Genesis drummer and 1980s icon is one of pop music's best-selling artists, with hits including "In the Air Tonight" and "Against All Odds."

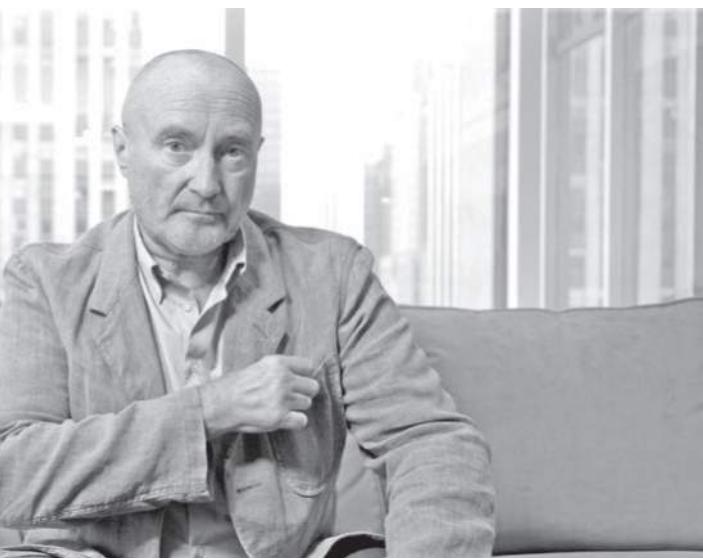
Collins said in a statement Monday that he had been asked several times to write a memoir "but never felt that the time was right—until now."

The seven-time Grammy Award winner promised to tell his life story "warts and all."

The as-yet-untitled book will be published in October 2016 by Century in Britain and Crown Archetype in the

AP
In this Aug. 26, 2010 file photo, musician Phil Collins poses for a portrait in New York.

U.S. Both are owned by Penguin Random House, which holds global rights.



Crown Archetype editorial director Tricia Boczkowski said the "unflinchingly honest" memoir would reveal "a Phil Collins that not many people know."

CNN urged to add liberal panelist for debate

NEW YORK (AP)—Liberals are urging CNN to add a left-leaning questioner to its panel at this week's debate of Democratic presidential candidates, saying it's only fair because conservative radio host Hugh Hewitt participated in the network's coverage of the second Republican debate last month.

An online petition was being circulated by the group Roots-Action on Monday asking for the change.

CNN had no immediate comment about the suggested change to its lineup for Tuesday's debate in Las Vegas, the first such meeting of Democratic candidates. Anderson Cooper is the moderator. Juan Carlos Lopez and Dana Bash will ask questions, while Don Lemon chooses questions submitted through Facebook.

"You want someone at the debate for Tuesday night who will question the Democrats from the progressive perspective," said Jeff Cohen, a former MSNBC producer who now teaches at Ithaca College, and the petition's author.

Such a journalist, from outlets like Mother Jones, The Nation or Democracy Now, could raise a topic that a more mainstream moderator might miss that's important to the left wing base, he said.

Hewitt was on stage to ask questions when CNN televised the GOP debate last month because of a co-sponsoring agreement with the Salem Media Group, which distributes the conservative commentator's talk show. Salem owns 112 radio stations and websites like townhall.com, and focuses on

content promoting Christian and conservative values.

Hillary Clinton, Bernie Sanders, Jim Webb, Martin O'Malley and Lincoln Chafee will all par-

ticipate in the CNN debate. CNN has said it would make room for Vice President Joe Biden if he were to decide to run as late as the day of the debate.

DiCaprio, Paramount option Volkswagen scandal book proposal

LOS ANGELES (AP)—The Volkswagen clean diesel emissions scandal is still chugging along, but Hollywood already has its eyes on a possible movie about the ordeal.

Paramount Pictures and Leonardo DiCaprio's production company Appian Way have optioned the rights to a book proposal from New York Times journalist Jack Ewing about the ongoing debacle.

The German automaker admitted last month that 11 mil-

lion of its vehicles worldwide were fitted with cheating software to beat emission tests. VW chief Martin Winterkorn resigned after the scandal broke in the U.S., saying he was not aware of any wrongdoing on his part.

Ewing's still-untitled book will explore the "more, better, faster" ethos and how it played into the scandal.

DiCaprio, an active environmentalist, would serve as a producer on the project.

Mom of occasional smoker thinks she's gone to pot

DEAR ABBY: I am a 30-year-old single mom of two young girls. After my divorce, I returned to my hometown where my family is. I'm enrolled in school full time and set to graduate in two semesters. I have a 3.7 GPA, my girls are well-adjusted and well-behaved, and I have my own place. My mom primarily watches my girls when I'm in school, and I feel lucky to have her support.

The other day, Mom came into my room and opened my bedside drawer. Like most people, this is where I keep my most private things. She discovered that I had a pack of cigarettes and some marijuana. Abby, I don't smoke often, but sometimes when the kids are down and things are taken care of, I like to smoke a joint, watch some shows and fall asleep. I take care of my responsibilities, and I don't feel like an occasional joint impacts me negatively.

Mom now says she will no longer watch her grandchildren and doesn't want to see me again! I feel completely hurt, violated and disrespected. We said some nasty things to each other, and I can't help but feel like she is completely wrong for reacting the way she did. Any advice would be much appreciated.

RESPONSIBLE (OCCASIONAL) SMOKER IN OHIO

DEAR RESPONSIBLE: Your mother overreacted, but she should not have been going into your drawer(s). Apologize for whatever you said to her in the heat of anger. (She should also apologize to you for snooping.) Make whatever arrangements you need for child care apart from your mother, and either quit smoking or do it away from your home.

Children are a lot sharper than they are often given credit for, and their sense of smell is particularly acute. In a few short years, they will recognize that Mommy "smokes," so quit setting a bad example. That way, when you tell them that smoking is bad for their health, you won't be a hypocrite.

DEAR ABBY: I have been married for a year. Before we met, my husband posted pictures of his ex on his Facebook page photo album. I have asked him to remove them because I feel insulted and hurt. I don't think it's right his keeping them on the page now that we are married. I feel it's disrespectful to our marriage and inconsiderate.

We have been fighting over this, and it's ruining our relationship. Can you enlighten me about this?

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DEAR ABBY

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN
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DEAR LADY: I don't blame you for being upset. By now your husband should have outgrown the need to publicize his previous conquests. While your husband may be thinking that keeping the pictures up makes him look worldly, what it shows is his insensitivity to the woman he married, and I think that's sad for both of you.

Good advice for everyone – teens to seniors – is in "The Anger in All of Us and How to Deal With It." To order, send your name and mailing address, plus check or money order for \$7 (U.S. funds) to: Dear Abby, Anger Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. (Shipping and handling are included in the price.)

Pastimes

Calvin and Hobbes



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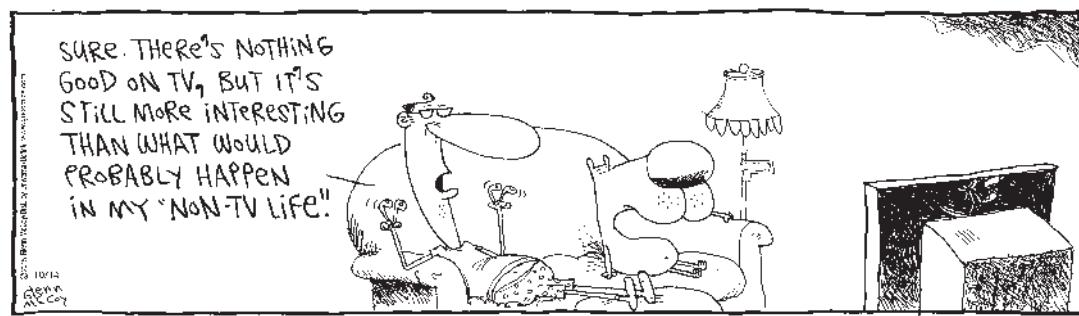
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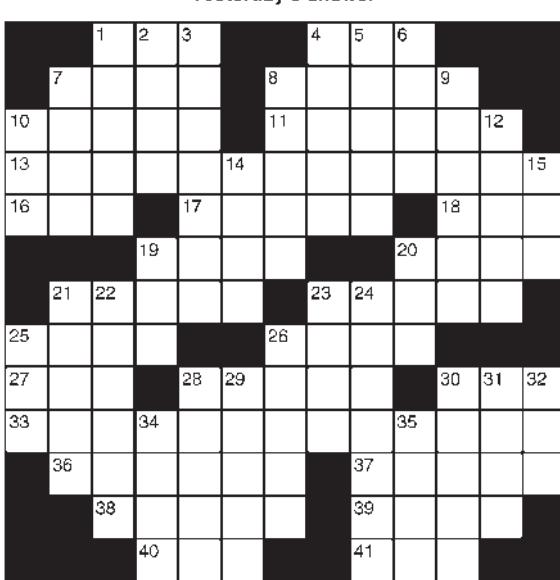
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Yesterday's answer 10-14



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CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Stacy Keibler, 36; Usher, 37; Natalie Maines, 41; Roger Moore, 88.

Happy Birthday: Don't ignore constructive criticism. Take the advice offered and figure out how to make it work for you. Let go of the past and focus on the goals you want to accomplish this year. This is the time to initiate the changes you've been thinking about making for so long. Live life instead of watching it pass you by. Your numbers are 4, 12, 25, 28, 31, 37, 46.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Make the changes that will improve your personal life and check out investments that will add to your security. You will have greater freedom to follow your dreams. Financial gains are possible, and a commitment should be made. ☀☀☀

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Revisit your relationships with the people you live and work with. Determine who is a helper and who is a hindrance. Consider what's happened in the past and make adjustments to get positive results. Romance is in the stars. ☀☀☀

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Take care of personal matters and health issues. Rethink your everyday routine and make adjustments that will reduce your stress. Exercise and eating well will raise your confidence and give you a new lease on life. ☀☀☀

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Travel, creative courses or attending a trade show will open your eyes to new possibilities. Search for something that you can do to bring in a little extra cash. Experiencing a

different way of life will bring beneficial results. ☀☀☀

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): If a change feels right, don't hesitate to make it happen. Not everyone will agree with the decisions you make, but you have to follow your heart and discover what makes a difference to you if you want to be happy in the future. ☀☀

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Live and learn. Be receptive to what others are doing and you'll discover ways to incorporate the best of what you see into your personal situation. Let your imagination wander and your creativity guide you. Love and romance are highlighted. ☀☀☀

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Remember past experiences and you won't make the same mistakes twice. Avoid anyone who tries to control you or make decisions for you. It's time to think for yourself and follow through with plans that will help you achieve your goals. ☀☀☀

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): You will be drawn to the unfamiliar and unusual. Jump in and try something new. Make changes to your home and surroundings that will help you realize your ideas and talents. Celebrate your findings with someone you love. ☀☀☀

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Focus on home and family and building a strong and stable future with the ones you love. Don't be swayed by someone who offers unrealistic ventures that are likely to go over budget and fail. Promote what you have to offer. ☀☀☀

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CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Take every suggestion or offer you get and consider the pros and cons. You may be best working alone, but gathering information will ensure that you make the right choice. Love is on the rise, and a commitment should be made. ☀☀☀

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Step into the spotlight and speak your mind. Make agreements, sign contracts and bring about the necessary changes to secure your standard of living. Don't let a partnership lead you astray. Follow your instincts, not your heart. ☀☀

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Set your priorities straight and concentrate on something that interests you enough to give it your all. Your persuasive charm will help you convince your friends, family or lover to pitch in and help you succeed. Romance is encouraged. ☀☀☀

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Conceptis Sudoku

By Dave Green

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Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Saturday.

Yesterday's SUDOKU Answer

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Difficulty Level ★★★

WONDERWORD

By DAVID OUELLET

HOW TO PLAY: All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally and even backward. Find them, circle each letter of the word and strike it off the list. The leftover letters spell the WONDERWORD.

JUMPING THE SHARK

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Granderson, Mets beat Dodgers to take 2-1 lead in NLDS

NEW YORK (AP) — With big hits rather than beanballs, the New York Mets wiped out the Los Angeles Dodgers and took control of their testy Division Series.

Curtis Granderson drove in five runs with two doubles off the wall, Travis d'Arnaud and Yoenis Cespedes homered, and New York's dangerous bats busted loose for a 13-7 victory Monday night that gave the Mets a 2-1 advantage in the best-of-five NL playoff.

Before a bloodthirsty crowd of 44,276 in the first postseason game at Citi Field, the Mets broke their postseason scoring record as public enemy No. 1 Chase Utley watched from the Los Angeles bench. New York quickly erased an early three-run deficit and made a winner of a mediocre Matt Harvey in his playoff debut.

"The greatest retaliation is winning," Mets outfielder Michael Cuddyer said.

Back in the postseason for the first time in nine years, New York can reach the NL Championship Series with another win at home Tuesday night behind rookie pitcher Steven Matz.

Trying to save the Dodgers' season, ace Clayton Kershaw will start on three days' rest in Game 4.

"I'm always pretty confident when he's pitching," manager Don Mattingly said.

Utley is the subject of scorn in New York after his late takeout slide Saturday night broke the right leg of Mets shortstop Ruben Tejada at Dodger Stadium.

Amid much speculation the Mets would seek revenge, manager Terry Collins said before the game Harvey was told not to.

"I think the boos at the introductions were kind of a big statement," Harvey said. "For us it was stay focused, go out and let our play do all the talking and, you know, all that stuff will be resolved later."

Collins said both teams met with Commissioner Rob Manfred and he instructed them to play "correctly." Umpires did not issue any warnings prior to the first pitch.

"I thought our guys responded very, very well," Collins said.

In the end, Utley never got in the game and the Mets saved all their hard hits for when they were at the plate.

Harvey labored through five innings in his first outing since missing a mandatory postseason workout and apologizing after he arrived.

"He worked harder tonight to give us five quality innings than I have seen him work at any time," Collins said.

Los Angeles lefty Brett Anderson, who went back and forth with Mets fans on Twitter over Utley's suspension Sunday night, took the loss. He was tagged for six runs and seven hits in three ineffective innings.

Granderson's five RBIs



AP
New York Mets' Yoenis Cespedes (52) celebrates with David Wright (5) and Daniel Murphy (28) after hitting a three-run home run during the fourth inning as Los Angeles Dodgers catcher Yasmani Grandal watches them in Game 3 of baseball's National League Division Series, Monday, Oct. 12, 2015, at CitiField in New York.

Wainwright said. "We just came back with a crooked number to get it to a one-run game. As big a sin as a pitcher can commit is to go out there and give the other team right back the runs that you just got. I hate that that happened. Can't stand that that happened."

Blue Jays 8, Rangers 4

In Arlington, Texas, sure, R.A. Dickey was disappointed when he saw Blue Jays manager John Gibbons walking toward the mound.

The 40-year-old knuckleballer had a six-run lead and was one out shy of qualifying for a win in his first postseason start.

Dickey also knew he was handing the ball off to a fellow Cy Young winner, and Toronto went on to beat the Texas Rangers 8-4 on Monday to force a deciding Game 5 at home in the AL Division Series.

Astros 9, Royals 6

In Houston, almost out of time and out of the playoffs, the Kansas City Royals realized they needed more than a big home run.

They needed a lot of hits—a maybe a little help, too.

The defending AL champions saved their season Monday. They took advantage when Astros shortstop Carlos Correa couldn't handle a deflected grounder that might have been a double-play ball, rallying for five runs in the eighth inning to beat Houston 9-6, forcing their playoff series to a decisive Game 5.

"We always feel that we're still in games, and we still have a chance," first baseman Eric Hosmer said. "That's the mentality for this whole entire team. It's never quit, and the character we showed today. That's what a championship ballclub does."

Correa homered twice, doubled, singled and drove in four runs in Game 4 of the AL Division Series. Houston took a 6-2 lead into the eighth, but a tough error charged to the 21-year-old rookie keyed the Royals' comeback to even the matchup at two games apiece.

matched a Mets postseason record last accomplished by Carlos Delgado in Game 4 of the 2006 NLCS at St. Louis, when New York established its previous postseason high of 12 runs.

Adrian Gonzalez and Howie Kendrick homered late for the Dodgers, who peppered Harvey with four consecutive singles in the second inning to build a 3-0 lead with the aid of Granderson's throwing error from right field.

Yasmani Grandal's base hit

knocked in two runs and snapped slumps of 0 for 26 and 4 for 88, the latter dating to Aug. 9. But the Mets responded right away in the bottom half after Dodgers shortstop—and longtime New York nemesis—Jimmy Rollins took his time throwing to first on Cespedes' infield single.

"By the time I got around, he was busting down the line," Rollins said. "So, he did his part and he beat me."

That got the NL East champs started, and d'Arnaud broke out of his own slump with an RBI single. Granderson launched a three-run double that banged off the right-center fence near the 380-foot sign and put the Mets in front for good.

Anderson hung a changeup in the third that d'Arnaud pulled for a two-run homer.

"Mainly, two pitches cost us the game," Anderson said. "Just embarrassing on my part."

Cespedes took a long, admiring look at his three-run drive in the fourth off Alex Wood that soared into the second deck in left field and traveled an estimated 431 feet. The slugger tossed his bat high in the air before beginning his trot around the bases.

By then, the Mets had a 10-3 lead and fans turned their focus to chanting "We want Utley!"

"This place was rocking," Mets captain David Wright said. "It reminded me a lot of Shea Stadium when it got loud and crazy. It seemed like these fans were just losing their minds, which is what you want."

Cespedes and d'Arnaud each finished with three runs, three RBIs and three of New York's 13 hits. Juan Lagares also scored three times in his first start of the series.

Seven seasons after it opened, Citi Field was trimmed in traditional postseason bunting for the Mets' first home playoff game since Carlos Beltran took strike three from Cardinals right-hander Adam Wainwright to end the 2006 NLCS at Shea Stadium.

Revved-up fans showed up early hungry for payback against Utley, left out of the lineup despite strong career numbers versus Harvey (6 for 18 with a home run).

Kendrick, the regular starter, remained at second base, and Mattingly said Utley was on the bench not for safety but solely "baseball reasons."

Utley was eligible to play after appealing a two-game suspension for his slide, deemed illegal after a review by Major League Baseball.

As loud boos rang out during pregame introductions, Utley stared stone-faced straight into the lens while a camera lingered on his face for a few extra seconds.

The 7 Line Army and other fans waving orange towels brought cutouts with Utley's face in the bull's-eye of a target. One sign near the first base dugout read: "Chase Ugly Is Still Philthy," a nod to his 12-plus years with rival Philadelphia.

And even New York Mayor Bill de Blasio weighed in, calling Utley "guilty as sin."

Meanwhile, Tejada raised his fist to a rousing ovation when he was introduced in full uniform alongside teammates. With a walking boot and Mets cane, he hobbled out to the baseline as fans—some carrying "WinFor-Ruben" signs with his face on them—chanted the shortstop's name.

"It got us on fire," substitute shortstop Wilmer Flores said. "We've got Ruben's back."

Just as Harvey got set to throw first pitch, there was more confusion. Mattingly and Collins each huddled with umpires during a 5-minute delay because the replay phone in the Dodgers' dugout was on the fritz.

In the middle of the first inning came an announcement that the line was fully operational.

And perhaps fittingly, Kendrick, the first batter of the game, hit a grounder to short-

stop — where the fan-favorite Flores fielded it flawlessly on his backhand.

Cubs 8, Cardinals 6

In Chicago, Jason Heyward and the St. Louis Cardinals did exactly what they wanted to do against Jake Arrieta.

They just didn't get the result they were seeking, and now they're counting on John Lackey to save their season.

Jorge Soler, Kris Bryant and Kyle Schwarber each went deep and the Chicago Cubs set a major league postseason record with six homers Monday in an 8-6 victory over St. Louis to go up 2-1 in the NL Division Series.

The Cardinals, tops in the majors with 100 wins this season, won at least one playoff series in each of the previous four years. But a third straight loss would send them home and put the Cubs in the NLCS for the first time since 2003.

"We're in a good spot there,"

SIDE BAR

Record-setting day of postseason homers

From Carlos Correa to Yoenis Cespedes, baseball's sluggers put on quite a show.

There were 21 home runs Monday, a record for one day in postseason play. The last was a three-run shot by Howie Kendrick in the ninth inning for the Los Angeles Dodgers in their NL Division Series game against the New York Mets.

Correa hit two of Houston's four homers against Kansas City, and the Chicago Cubs hit a postseason-record six home runs in their victory over St. Louis.

Cubs rookie Kris Bryant, who hit a two-run shot off Mi-

chael Wacha, found it hard to count all the home runs in that game.

"Everybody is smiling, obviously," Bryant said. "It's fun when you hit, what was it, I think it was six home runs or something."

Three of Toronto's first eight batters homered in an ALDS win at Texas, and Cespedes highlighted New York's 13-7 win over the Dodgers by crushing a three-run shot.

"It's really cool to see," said the Mets' Travis d'Arnaud, who hit a two-run homer. "It's good for the fan base."

While this is an era of pitch-

ing and defense, Mets manager Terry Collins is a fan of the long ball.

"When we hit home runs, we think we got a big chance to win," he said. "It's all about trying to get on base, and then have somebody up there that can hit something into the seats."

The 61 runs scored Monday also set a postseason record.

The previous postseason record for home runs was 15 on Oct. 3, 1995, according to STATS. Like Monday, the games on that day 20 years ago.

The record for runs was 48 on Oct. 5, 2002. (AP)

Bell's 1-yard TD run at buzzer lifts Steelers over Chargers



SAN DIEGO
(AP)—Five seconds left, down by three points and the ball inside the 1.

The Pittsburgh Steelers needed a gutsy play against the San Diego Chargers.

They got it for a stunning victory.

Le'Veon Bell scored on a wildcat run as time expired to give Mike Vick and the Steelers a 24-20 victory Monday night that had tens of thousands of Pittsburgh fans roaring and waving their Terrible Towels at Qualcomm Stadium.

Bell took the direct snap, ran left and was slowed in traffic before diving for the end zone and getting the ball across the line as Donald Butler dragged him down.

"It was time to go to the mattresses, if you will," coach Mike Tomlin said. "We had to do what was required to win. Le'Veon gave us an opportunity to win, and we were trying to do everything we could to move the football."

Bell said it was the most meaningful touchdown of his three-year career. "The game-winner on the last play of the game, that's what you dream about," he said.

"I got to get it in," Bell said. "We still had a timeout left. I was thinking we still have a timeout left, so I'm thinking, 'OK, maybe if I get stopped, maybe run like 4 seconds off and get a timeout and we could kick a field goal. I wanted to end the game right there.'

There was no way Tomlin was going to kick a field goal to force overtime.

"We have to run the football. We have Le'Veon Bell. We had an opportunity to win the game," Tomlin said. "We're on



AP

Pittsburgh Steelers running back Le'Veon Bell scores a touchdown against the San Diego Chargers during the second half of an NFL football game Monday, Oct. 12, 2015, in San Diego.

the road in a hostile environment, we've got to play to win and that's what we did."

It wasn't all that hostile, not with all the black-and-gold-clad fans in Qualcomm Stadium, which could be hosting its final year of the NFL because Chargers owner Dean Spanos wants to move to the Los Angeles area.

"First I'd like to thank Steel-

er Nation," Tomlin said. "How about the support that we had in the building tonight? We get that type of support just about all of the time we're on the road, but it doesn't get old. We appreciate it."

Chargers quarterback Philip Rivers didn't.

"It was a tough environment tonight. It was like being on the road," he said.

"Odd is one word we could use," Rivers said. "We were in silent count and we had no chance. We were checking in and out of plays and it was about as tough as it gets. I'm usually hoarse after road games and I'm going to be today as well."

Vick, having an awful game until the fourth quarter, kept the drive alive with a 24-yard scramble up the middle on third-and-6 from the 41 and then a 16-yard pass to Heath Miller to 1 a play before Bell's big run. An unnecessary roughness call against San Diego's

Jahleel Addae moved the ball a half-yard closer to the end zone and stopped the clock.

"It's not how you start. It's how you finish," Vick said.

San Diego called a timeout before Pittsburgh ran the gutsy play.

Bell ran 21 times for 111 yards.

San Diego rookie Josh Lambo kicked a go-ahead, 54-yard field goal with 2: 56 left.

Vick, making his second straight start in place of injured Ben Roethlisberger, couldn't get much going until he and Markus Wheaton hooked up on a 72-yard touchdown on a stop-and-go route to tie it at 17 with 7:42 left.

The Chargers then moved down the field for Lambo's kick. Eight days earlier, the rookie kicked a 34-yarder as time expired for a 30-27 win over Cleveland. Lambo also was short and left on a 60-yard attempt just before halftime against the Steelers.

Antonio Gates returned from a four-game PED suspension and caught a 12-yard scoring pass from Philip Rivers in the first quarter and then had an 11-yard grab with 8:02 left to give the Chargers a 17-10 lead. Gates has 101 career TDs, joining Tony Gonzalez (111) as the only tight ends to reach that milestone.

Rivers has thrown 74 touch-

down passes to Gates, the most from a QB to a tight end in NFL history.

Gates was suspended without pay for testing positive for a performance-enhancing drug in the offseason.

Antwon Blake intercepted Rivers' pass and returned it 70 yards for a touchdown to give the Steelers a 10-7 lead late in the third quarter. Receiver Malcom Floyd broke off a crossing route that led to the pickoff.

It was Rivers' third pick-six of the season. He has turnovers in 10 of his last 11 games.

San Diego came right back and tied it on Lambo's 40-yard field goal.

Twitter suspends accounts after NFL complaints

NEW YORK (AP)—Twitter accounts for websites Deadspin and SB Nation were suspended by the social media platform Monday night after the NFL filed notices related to their use of copyrighted video highlights.

The NFL told The Associated Press that it requested Twitter "disable links to more than a dozen pirated NFL game videos and highlights that violate the NFL's copyright," adding that it did not request that any Twitter accounts be disabled.

The NFL sent 18 Digital Millennium Copyright Act notices regarding the Gawker-owned Deadspin account, said Gawker social media strategist Terron Moore via Twitter.

Both suspended accounts regularly use GIFs of highlights from sporting events, including NFL games. The SB Nation account that was suspended, @SBNationGIF, specializes in such highlights.

The main Deadspin account was down for roughly an hour before being re-activated around

Chiefs' Charles done for season with knee injury

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP)—Chiefs running back Jamaal Charles will miss the remainder of the season with a torn ACL in his right knee.

The star running back hurt his knee in the third quarter of Sunday's loss to Chicago. An MRI on Monday confirmed the tear.

Earlier Monday, coach Andy Reid said "the worst case is the ACL is torn. That's probably the direction it's heading."

Charles was making a cut deep in Bears territory on Sunday when his right knee buckled at a gruesome angle. The four-time Pro Bowl selection needed help from a trainer and linebacker Justin Houston to get off the field, never once putting any weight on the leg.

Charles tore the ACL in his other knee four years ago, missing most of the season.

"I talked to Jamaal yesterday and he was obviously down," Reid said before learning the diagnosis, "but he is positive about coming back, getting himself back. That's where his

energy will be directed, getting through the surgery and getting back to where he can play."

Charles could have enough time to get back next season. While the injury typically sidelines a player for about a year, Vikings running back Adrian Peterson beat that timeline by several months. Peterson tore his ACL and MCL on Christmas Eve in 2011, but was back for Week 1 the following season.

Reid sounded optimistic that Charles would make it back eventually.

"He's an amazing guy that way," Reid said. "He's one of those rare athletes that you have an opportunity to coach. They're genetically and mentally strong, and they can do things most people can't do when it comes to their profession."

That is part of the problem facing the Chiefs: How do they replace one of the best running backs in the NFL, not to mention the most dynamic playmaker on their struggling offense?

Reid said the Chiefs would

split carries between backups Knile Davis and Charcandrick West, and wide receiver De'Anthony Thomas has experience at running back. The Chiefs (1-4) also have Spencer Ware, a fullback-running back combo, available on the practice squad.

Among those available outside the organization are former Texans running back Ben Tate and Ray Rice, though it appears the Chiefs have no interest in the controversial ex-Ravens star.

"We'll look in-house before we go there," Reid said.

Davis hasn't played much this season while ceding time to West, but he has played well in the past when Charles has been out. He had back-to-back 100-yard rushing games early last season, and played well when Charles was hurt in a playoff game in Indianapolis two years ago.

Davis is a downhill runner, while West offers an elusive change of pace. The former undrafted free agent out of Abilene Christian ran for 31

yards in Sunday's 18-17 loss to the Bears.

"They told us, me and Knile, that we're both going to play. We both have to be ready to step up," West said. "We knew our big brother went down, so it's time to step up."

It's not just the fill-in running backs that need to step up, though. The Chiefs struggled when Charles went down, unable to move the ball through the air as much as the ground.

Alex Smith was just 16 of 30 for 181 yards in another dismal performance. He was also sacked three times, raising his league-leading total to 22 sacks in just five games.

"It's not fun to be out there playing like that. We know we're so much better than that," Smith said. "For me, there are two choices: I mean, yeah, you can let this get to you. We have a lot of football left. You can get sidetracked, you can get distracted, you can make excuses. Or we can all look internally, we can all stay together and we can fight."

Source: Spurrier retiring from South Carolina

COLUMBIA, S.C. (AP)—South Carolina coach Steve Spurrier has told his players that he is retiring, effective immediately.

The 70-year-old coach informed players of his decision Monday night, said a person close to the situation. The person spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity because South Carolina hasn't publicly announced Spurrier's decision.

South Carolina hasn't named an interim coach, but likely would announce someone to finish out the season by Wednesday, the person said.

The Gamecocks are 2-4 overall and 0-4 in the Southeastern Conference for the first time in Spurrier's 23 seasons coaching in the league at Florida and South Carolina.

Spurrier, in the middle of his 11th season at South Carolina, did not return messages from the AP seeking comment.

The coach's weekly press conference is still scheduled to be held at noon Tuesday.

South Carolina freshman offensive lineman Christian Pellegrino said on Twitter, "What a crazy day... I am blessed to say I was coached by a legend. Best of luck to you Coach Spurrier. Stay cocky!"

Spurrier considered leaving last December after the Gamecocks went 6-6 in the regular season. But the team beat Miami in the Independence Bowl, a victory that seemed to re-energize him.

He said this summer he planned to coach two or three more years, then extended that to four or five years when several recruits who had committed to South Carolina backed away



South Carolina head coach Steve Spurrier claps as his team warms up before an NCAA college football game against Missouri Saturday, Oct. 3, 2015, in Columbia, Mo. AP

like defensive end Jadeveon Clowney, receiver Alshon Jeffery and running back Marcus Lattimore.

The Gamecocks have used three starting quarterbacks through the first half of this season, including former walk-on Perry Orth and true freshman in Lorenzo Nunez.

South Carolina plays at home against Vanderbilt (2-3, 0-2) on Saturday.

Spurrier is the winningest coach ever at South Carolina and Florida. During his tenure at Florida he led the Gators to six SEC titles and a national championship before leaving his alma mater to see what he could do in the NFL.

After two losing seasons with the Washington Redskins he returned to the SEC with South Carolina in 2005 and turned the perennially mediocre Gamecocks into championship contenders.

Spurrier, who was 35-21 with the USFL's Tampa Bay Bandits from 1983-85, started his college head coaching career at Duke. He has a 228-89-2 career record with the Blue Devils, Gators and Gamecocks.

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NFL STANDINGS

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
New England	4	0	0	1.000	149	76
N.Y. Jets	3	1	0	.750	95	55
Buffalo	3	2	0	.600	124	105
Miami	1	3	0	.250	65	101

	South
Indianapolis	3 2 0 .600 99 113
Tennessee	1 3 0 .250 102 91
Houston	1 4 0 .200 97 135
Jacksonville	1 4 0 .200 93 145

	North
Cincinnati	5 0 0 1.000 148 101
Pittsburgh	3 2 0 .600 120 95
Cleveland	2 3 0 .400 118 132
Baltimore	1 4 0 .200 123 137

	West
Denver	5 0 0 1.000 113 79
San Diego	2 3 0 .400 116 134
Oakland	2 3 0 .400 107 124
Kansas City	1 4 0 .200 117 143

	NATIONAL CONFERENCE
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N.Y. Giants	3 2 0 .600 132 109
Dallas	2 3 0 .400 101 131
Washington	2 3 0 .400 97 104
Philadelphia	2 3 0 .400 117 103
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Atlanta	5 0 0 1.000 162 112
Carolina	4 0 0 1.000 108 71
Tampa Bay	2 3 0 .400 110 148
New Orleans	1 4 0 .200 103 143
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Minnesota	2 2 0 .500 80 73
Chicago	2 3 0 .400 86 142
Detroit	0 5 0 .000 83 138
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goal for MP United, making it to the board first in the 12 minute. MP United's final three goals from Villagomez were also recorded in the first half.

Shirley's 2, Kanoa FC 0

Spring season defending champion Shirley's FC began its bid for a second straight division title this year with a 2-0 triumph over Kanoa FC.

Jerlyn Castillo and De Jana Muna knocked in the goals for

Shirley's FC, which ruled the spring season after posting an 8-2-0 win-draw-loss record in the double-elimination tournament. Both shots dropped in the second half with Castillo scoring in the 82nd and Muna finding the back of the five minutes later.

Meanwhile, Shirley's will go for win No. 2 when it takes on Matansa in the first game on Pitch 1 at 2:30pm. Over on Pitch 2 at the same time, MP United battles Tan Holdings, while in the last match at 4pm, Kanoa is paired against Paire.

when asked on his thoughts in reviving the sport in the CNMI.

"I'm willing to sit as a member of their board I would support the organization, I will help in anyway that I can," added the many-time CNMI national men's softball team member.

Several individuals have tried to revive and form an organized softball association, but failed to attract attention and fizzled out.

Satur, who is also a certified baseball umpire, said softball needs committed people for it

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the opening frame, knocking in Red Rice's first two baskets and adding one more late in that quarter.

In the second period, Red Rice managed to gain some cushion, 44-36, behind the combined efforts of Fernando and Barbo, who scored 10 and 9 points, respectively. Oh My J trailed as it was held to six field goals in the second frame with only Nate Mateo consistently making his shots.

to be organized and once organized should focus more with youth development.

"We need people who are committed to get things started. Organizing an association and a league is good for the development of players," said the 59-year-old Satur.

Satur added that it wouldn't be difficult to organize a women's fast-pitch softball league since there are already high school players.

"It would be nice to have fast-

Junar Guiab, who finished the first quarter with 7 markers, was limited to 2 points off two free throws.

Red Rice remained at the driver's seat in the third canto, 64-56, as Barbo and Fernando continued to team up and Cabanas finally reported for the playoff match, contributing quickly with his 5 straight points early in that period. The trio scored all but one of Red Rice's baskets in the third, while only Mateo and Guiab canned more than one field goal for Oh My J.

pitch games again. There are a lot of good high school players in MISO. Just form four to five teams and make them play after the school year is over," he said.

"That would generate interest back to softball and it would the players develop their skills. The best players can also get the chance to earn athletic scholarships and play in the U.S."

He added that the only organized softball league now is slow-pitch where most of the female fast-pitch players are

Barbo kept going in the final canto, adding 9 more markers, to maintain Red Rice's safe distance and towed his team to the semis-seat clinching win.

Red Rice 84 — Barbo 28, Fernando 18, Saplan 15, Cabanas 7, Marilla 6, Anasan 6, Chan 4.

Oh My J 77 — Mateo 22, Guiab 19, Galulu 10, Sanciangco 6, Sablan 4, Enriquez 4, Asuhan 4, Tobias 3, Manangan 3, Hilario 2.

Scoring by quarters: 19-19, 44-36, 64-56, 84-77.

seeing action.

Satur said he was the one who came up with the 1-ball, 1-strike, and 1-hour time limit rules in slow-pitch games to speed up the matches.

Former Oceania Softball Federation development officer Andrew Purdon stayed for a couple of months on Saipan to help revive interest in the sport in 2007. He held coaching clinics and youth training but sadly died before fully re-organizing the sport.

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nized association. There is also no fast-pitch tournament either in men's or women's, except for the high school girls softball event in the Marianas Interscholastic Sports Organization.

"If ever softball gets organized and formed into an association, I would like to have an advisory capacity, work in the background and let the new group handle things," said Satur

25 make first cut for CNMI U12 team

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Northern Mariana Islands Football Association has named the 25 players on the CNMI training pool that is preparing for next month's East Asian Football Federation Boys U13 Festival 2015.

The list includes Tan Holdings Football Club's Mark Esalan, Thaipi Austria, John Michael Roxas, Angelo Bergancia, Floyd Muna, siblings Taka and Ichiro Borja, and Kirro Batino; Kanoa FC's Kirt Andon, Angelo Ada, Sebastien Manabat, Ian Maniago, and Jhoey Noble; Matansa FC's Lolo Benito, Reginald Pascual, Glenn Basillo, Justin Achas, and Raseff Altamirano; MP United FC's Eunsyn Hahn, Jon Villagomez, Jason Quiamzon, and David Meyers Jr; and Paire FC's Kaden Church and Blake Mister. Edward Joon Cho, who is based in Guam and plays for Wings FC, completes the list.

Of the 25, only 18 will make the final cut for the CNMI U13 National Team that will compete in the EAFF-sanctioned tournament scheduled from Nov. 7 to 11 in Guam. Majority of those selected to the initial list were part of the CNMI U14 National Team that participated in the AFC U14 Regional Festival of Football in Beijing, China last month so experience will be on the Teen Ayuyus' side when they compete in Guam this November.

In the EAFF event, the CNMI players will be up against teams from Chinese-Taipei, North Korea, Macau, Hong Kong, Mongolia, and host Guam.

The tournament in Guam will be the Commonwealth players' last off-island event for this year. NMIFA had earlier sent the CNMI U14 Girls National Team to Beijing for the AFC U14 Girls Regional Championships (East) 2015 in May, the CNMI Women's All-Stars to

Hong Kong in July for the 2015 Luen Thai Cup, and the CNMI U16 National Team to Laos last

The initial list was released after nearly 50 players underwent a series of tryouts that took



place for more than a week at the Oleai Sports Complex Field and the pitch at the Koblerville Elementary School. Chelsea FC Soccer School Hong Kong technical director Luam Khen Koo, along with club coaches Irish Pagarao and Angie Ito, facilitated the first three sessions of the tryouts before NMIFA technical director Kiyoshi Sekiguchi took over the remaining days and made the final cut last Friday.

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Youth players take part in drills during the first week of tryouts for the CNMI U13 National Team that will compete in the East Asian Football Federation Boys U13 Festival 2015 in Guam next month.

month for the AFC U16 Championship India 2016 Qualifiers, and the CNMI U19 National

Team to Thailand for the FC U19 Championship Bahrain 2016 Qualifiers.

Girls v'ball team fundraiser resumes next week

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The CNMI girls indoor team will reach the final stretch of their fundraising activities with another carwash charity event on Oct. 24 from 9am to 12noon at the Shell gas station in Puerto Rico.

The Girls All-Stars have been holding various fundraising activities to come up with the money that would cover the costs for them to compete in the

Under-19 Girls High School Volleyball Championships set from Oct. 29 to Nov. 1 in Guam.

Carwash tickets will be available from the nine players and the two coaches who would accompany them on the Guam trip. Tickets cost \$5 each for advanced purchase and \$10 for drive-in.

Northern Mariana Islands Volleyball Association president Laurie Peterka said the CNMI

girls U19 team still needs to raise another \$1,200.

"You can support them by buying carwash tickets, which will go on sale near the end of this week," Peterka added.

Last Sunday, NMIVA held a fundraising event from 10am to 4pm at the Hyatt Regency Saipan beachside where various activities like a 4-person co-ed beach volleyball tournament and serving rally were held.

Peterka said last Sunday's event were two-fold where they hope to raise \$1,000 from various events involving the general public and \$1,800 from the serving rally.

"The CNMI All-Stars needed a total of plus or minus \$7,000 for the Guam trip. Some money was already raised earlier this year. The remaining amount is more or less \$3,600," said Peterka.

She said that the one-day beach volleyball tournament and general donations collected approximately \$600 while pledges for the girls' team's serving rally raised \$1,800.

Danica Camacho, Marcy Ann Ermitanio, Julia Ishikawa, Emily Jones, Sabrina Pangelinan, Zarinae Sapong, and Jennifer Tan joined Gechig and Hudkins on the nine-member CNMI girls team with Codie Sayles and Kathy Winkfield as coaches.

Peterka added that since the Marianas Interscholastic Sports Organization's season is on hold, NMIVA is planning to organize a volleyball jamboree in November.



JON PEREZ
Sabrina Pangelinan, left, competes in the serving rally during last Sunday's fundraising activity by the CNMI girls Under-19 team at the Hyatt Regency Saipan's beachside.

NMSA set to release Pacific Games reimbursement

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The Northern Marianas Sports Association has approved the reimbursement of the expenses incurred by members of the CNMI delegation in this year's XV Pacific Games in Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea.

The money came from NMSA funds through its instant scratchies lottery program that started early this year.

"The scratchies project is going strong and it allows us to fund other NMSA programs like our participation in the last Pacific Games," said White during the CNMI sports governing body's monthly meeting last Thursday at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium conference room.

Federations that sent athletes and coaches shouldered the cost of airfare going to the quadrennial meet in Papua New Guinea and will be getting \$750 as reimbursement.

The CNMI sent a 35-strong delegation of athletes and coaches in athletics, beach volleyball, bodybuilding, golf, sailing, swimming, triathlon, and va'a

NMSA made advanced payments for golf (\$3,100) and va'a (\$5,100) with the seven-member paddling team getting \$150 more after



White



their total amount for \$750 each is \$5,250. The four-man golf team, meanwhile, owes NMSA \$100 with \$750 each for \$3,000.

The check will be ready either this week or next week.

White also announced during the meeting that the Oceania National Olympic Committee gave the 17 member nations and seven associate member island states \$10,000 each as assistance.

The money was ONOC's assistance for participating in the Pacific Games and will go directly to the NMSA fund, which the Commonwealth's sports body could use in its various programs.

White also said each federations should strengthen their respective development programs after Team CNMI's performance in the Pacific Games.

"Except for Victoria Chentsova's performance in swimming, where she had a couple of fourth place finishes and almost won a medal, others were at the bottom. So, that gives us an idea of what to do in order to improve next time," added White.

Participation medals were also handed out during the Pacific Games and White said this will be given to members of the CNMI delegation at next year's annual sports banquet.



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Shutout wins in girls U15 league

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Three teams barged into the win column right in the opening week of the girls U15 division of the 2015 NMIFA Youth Fall League after blanking their respective opponents last Saturday at the Hopwood Junior High School Field.

Defending champion Matansa Football Club recorded the most lopsided win among the three squads after whipping Tan Holdings, 14-0, in the first game at Pitch 2.

CNMI U14 Girls National Team member Lyka Sally powered Matansa to the shutout win after scoring six goals. Pin-yarat Shankweiler backed her



up, adding three goals, while Lyka's younger sister, Leisha, also had a hat-trick, and Bernadette Horey contributed two to complete Matansa's rout of Tan Holdings.

Matansa hit one goal after another in the first half to take the game away early as it led by twin digits, 10-0, at the break. The first four goals came in a span of five minutes with



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Shirley's FC's De Jana Muna, third from left, tries to break away from Kanoa FC defenders during the first half of their girls U15 game in the NMIFA fall league last Saturday at the Hopwood Junior High School Field.

Fast-pitch softball should focus on youth

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CNMI Sports Hall of Famer Tony Satur said he would rather stay in the background and let a younger group take care of re-organizing the sport of fast-pitch softball in the CNMI.

Satur was one of the CNMI's first multi-sport athletes after also playing basketball and

baseball at a high level. He's now busy with golf being a member of several local associations and with his position as golf course operations manager at Laolao Bay Golf & Resort.

Satur, however, gained fame in softball after becoming the youngest player in the Men's Island-Wide Fast Pitch League as a 14-year-old in the late 1960s.

Softball, fast-pitch or slow-pitch, currently has no orga-

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CNMI Sports Hall of Famer Tony Satur, right, poses with Franco Santos at the former's office at Laolao Bay Golf & Resort. Satur, who was enshrined to the Hall of Fame for more than four decades of playing softball, is now Laolao's golf course operations manager.

Red Rice takes last semis seat

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 Red Rice claimed the last semis slot in the 2015 Blue Haus IT&E Inter-Color Basketball League following its 84-77 playoff win over Oh My J last Sunday at the Navy Hill Basketball Court.

With the victory, Red Rice arranged a Final Four showdown with Pasion De Amor this Sunday with the former hoping to avenge its 89-90 sorry loss to the latter in the elimination round and make it to the one-game finale. The winner of the Red Rice-Pasion De Amor duel will challenge the victor in the Makalaro Lang-Mamba tiff in the Oct. 24 championship game. Makalaro Lang and Mamba will fight for the first finals berth this Saturday.

Red Rice leaned on the solid games of Darwin Barbo and Angelo Fernando

and the unexpected contribution of Joel Saplan to eliminate Oh My J. Barbo exploded for 28 points—his biggest output so far in the inaugural league—while Fernando added 18. Saplan also finished in twin digits with 15, making most of his baskets in the first half when Red Rice was still without Michael Cabanas.

Cabanas missed the entire first half of the match, but fortunately for Red Rice, Saplan was on target in the early goings of the game, nailing 7 points to help his squad force a standoff at the end of first canto, 19-all. Jun Marilla also stepped up in

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ROSELYN B. MONROYO
Red Rice's Angelo Fernando takes off for a bank shot ahead of Oh My J defenders Nate Mateo, left, and Ronald Hilario during their game in the elimination round of the Blue Haus IT&E caging at the Navy Hill court.



Championships (East) 2015 in Beijing, China, started the fall season with a hat-trick to lift MP United to the victory.

Maaya Sato tallied the other

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